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WINTER BREAK



Despite the icy, snowy conditions, Josh Schmidt, 6, and Juan Portugal, 5, were able to get outside to blow off some steam Tuesday as they played with a sled in the backyard.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Off snowmobile season expected in Crawford County

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

If you were disappointed by the poor snowmobiling weather this holiday weekend, you weren't alone. Snowmobiling is an incredibly popular pastime in the local area and functions as an important facet of Crawford County's tourist economy.

What is the prognosis for the rest of the winter?

"I think we're going to see an off season this year," said Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) and owner of a local snowmobile related business. The AVSA grooms and maintains 70 miles of trails in Crawford County, but Filley fears that these trails may be underused this year due to various factors.

"I get a lot of customers that are national guard, but I haven't seen them in a couple of years," said Filley.

One major concern is that trail usage by out-of-state national guardsmen will be significantly reduced due to the widespread deployment in Iraq. In the past, non-local soldiers who trained in

Grayling during the summer would often vacation in the area with their families in the winter, taking advantage of Crawford County's excellent trail system.

With most of these soldiers now deployed overseas, the economic boost that their presence provided to the area is missing.

"Snowmobiling is a very, very, important part of this area's winter economy," said Filley.

The other problem is that with higher gas prices and a slow economy, fewer tourists overall are likely to make the trek to Northern Michigan this year.

Snow conditions are far from optimal either, but there is some good news in this area. First, the very fact that people have already been able to hit the trails this season is an encouraging sign.

"We haven't had snow the last few years in December at all," said Filley. This could be a sign that there will be a decent amount of snow once the weather stabilizes this year. There is even more good news for local riders.

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County/township to fund recycling center storage building

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As residents load up their Christmas wrapping paper and boxes to haul them to the recycling center, county and township officials are working to improve the storage area for future recycled products.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to spend \$5,000 on a pole barn building which will be used to store recycled products at the Grayling Township Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The Grayling Township Board has budgeted the rest of the funds for the building, which is expected to cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 to complete.

Township officials requested funds for the building since recycled products are now stored in large cardboard boxes under tarps before they can be compacted and shipped. The boxes, which costs \$35, get destroyed by the elements and the pallets used to hold the

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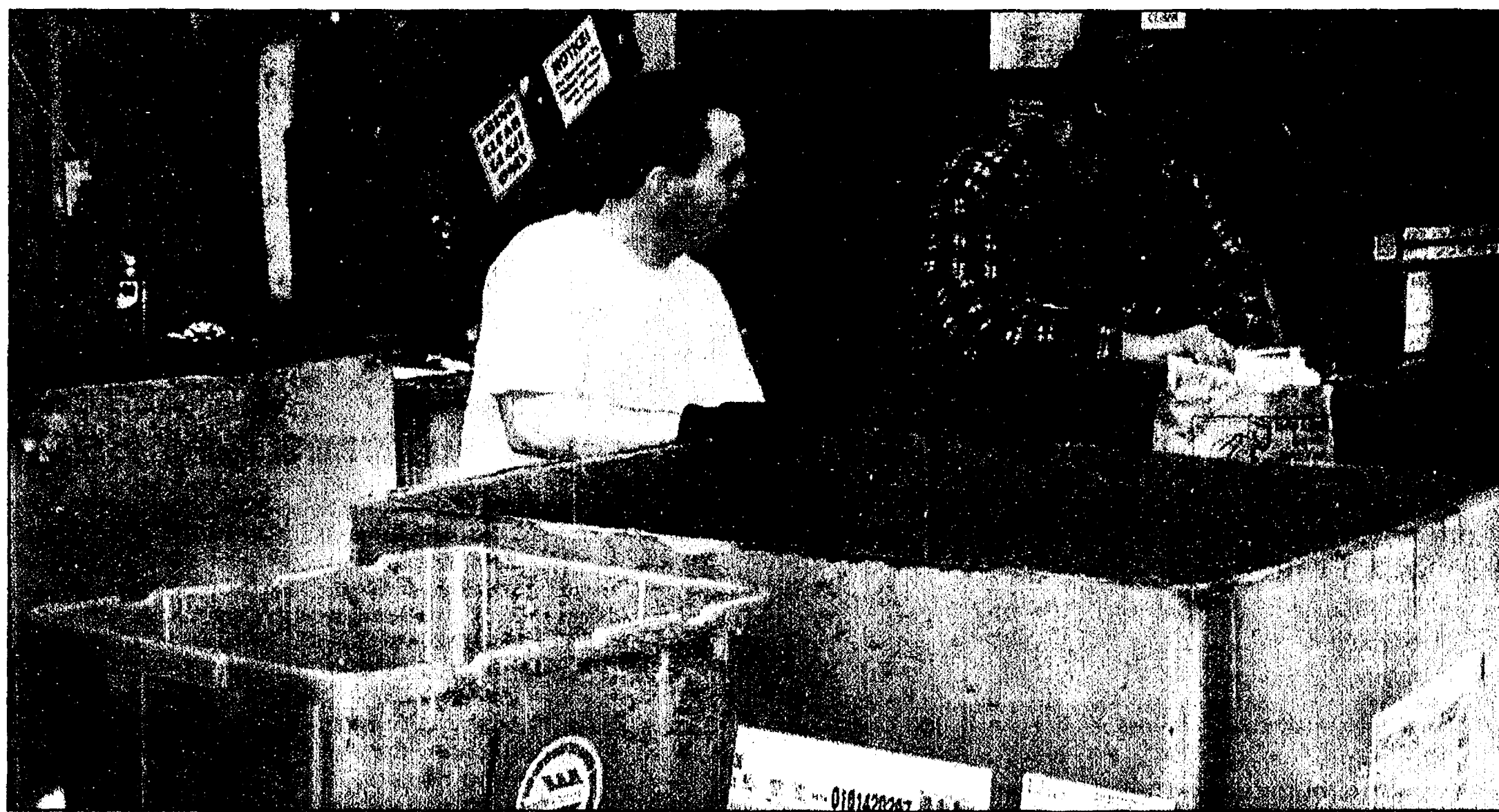


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Ron Ward, an employee at the Grayling Township Recycling Center and Transfer Station, and Bob Randals, sort recycled goods.

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Trip #1
Tuesday, January 10, 2006
Victories Casino - Petoskey
Departing at 8:30 a.m.
Approximate arrival in Grayling 4:00 p.m.

Trip #2
Thursday, January 12, 2006
"Out to Lunch Gang"
for Traverse City
Shopping and lunch at the Mall
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:
Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

Christian Help Center assists families/seniors

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center was able to help dozens of area families celebrate the Christmas holiday, but will continue to seek donations in the coming months.

The Christian Help Center helped make Christmas possible for 258 area families and seniors by providing them gifts, candy and vouchers for holiday meals. That was up from 225 families who were assisted in 2004, said Gerry Schroeder, the coordinator for the Christian Help Center.

Volunteers provided vouchers for meals and candy to families that signed up for assistance through the Toys for Tots program.

The Christian Help Center has been authorized to conduct the local Toys for Tots program since 1998.

Schroeder said volunteers are pleased with the community support for the Christian Help Center's mission, and will continue to collect food and donations.

"People will be in need all winter unless something changes with the economy and the job situation," she said. "The donations have been wonderful and we appreciate the help so much."

A handful of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which were donated to the Christian Help Center will be kept on hand for children.

"It's going to be a long winter, and we will just give them out as people need them," Schroeder said. "They have been wonderfully received and people were



The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center helped 258 area families and seniors with the Christmas holiday. Above, Gerry Schroeder, the coordinator for the Christian Help Center, receives donations from Ester Smith, the coordinator for Crawford County's 4-H "Life's Better With a Mentor" program.

happy to get them."

The Christian Help Center was founded in August, 1992. The agency is supported by gifts, grants and donations from

local community service groups, businesses, churches and individuals.

The goal of the Christian Help Center is to provide food,

encouragement, education, support and help to people in need.

To contact the Christian Help Center for more information, call 348-6046.

Off snowmobile season expected

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"With the decrease in traffic, trail conditions will be the best we've ever had," said Filley. Hopefully this will not be offset by recent trends in the snowmobile industry.

"I see an evolution in snowmobiles to what people call rough trail snowmobiles," said Filley. These new snowmobiles are sturdier and ride higher, but tend to deteriorate the trails more quickly.

"Snowmobiles are evolving, but grooming equipment is still grooming equipment," said Filley. Those who enjoy the rough trail experience should be happy to know that, according to Filley, there are literally thousands of miles of un-maintained trail that is open to snowmobilers in the area.

"Really, some of the best riding is off the groomed trail system," said Filley. So when will be the best time to hit the trails



Snowmobiling is an incredibly popular pastime in the local area and functions as an important facet of Crawford County's tourist economy.

this season?

Anytime there's snow.

"You can count on this: when the conditions are right and there

are people out there we'll be out there grooming," said Filley.

Camp Grayling announces new Camp Commander

Brig. Gen. Robert V. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, announced the selection of Colonel Dean Brown as the new Camp Grayling Commander upon the retirement of Colonel Dennis D. Hull on Feb. 1, 2006.

He began his military career in the United States Air Force in 1976 prior to enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard in 1979 as a Second Lieutenant.

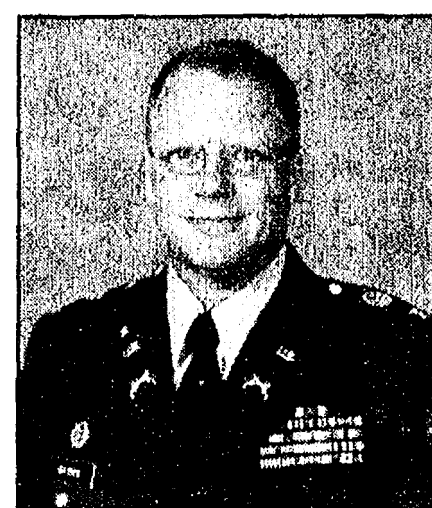
Colonel Brown transferred to

the Michigan Army National Guard in 2001. He is branch qualified in the Transportation Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Engineer Corps, Ordnance Corps and the Military Police Corps.

He has served in numerous command and staff assignments, including as the Commander, Camp Perry Training Site, Port Clinton, Ohio; Director of Operations, Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center; and Deputy Brigade Commander, 177th Military Police Brigade in Taylor.

His previous assignment was as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics for the Michigan Army National Guard, in Lansing.

His military awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National



Colonel Dean W. Brown

Defense Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Michigan Distinguished Service Medal, the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal, the Ohio Commendation Medal, the Ohio Faithful Service

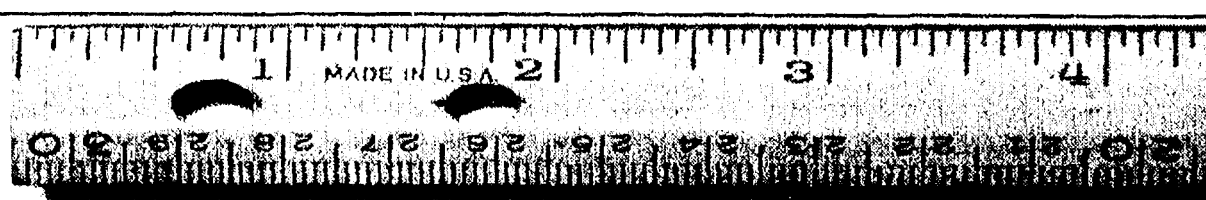
Ribbon and the Ohio Special Service Ribbon.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Officers Course, the Associate Logistics Executive Development Course, the Reserve Components National Security Course, and is currently enrolled in the United States Army War College, Class of 2006. Colonel Brown received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University.

He and his wife, Patsy have two children, Nathan and Megan. They currently reside in Ypsilanti.

The public is invited to the Retirement Dinner and Change of Command ceremony at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Feb. 4.

Cost for the event is \$25 per person. For ticket information, please contact Camp Grayling at 989-344-6100.



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County/township to fund storage building

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boxes break when they freeze to the ground.

The building will allow employees at the recycling center to store plastic jugs, milk jugs, tin cans and cardboard so they can be brought back into the recycling center to be compacted in the bailer.

The county purchases the recycling trailers which are placed at various locations throughout the county and also funds a part-time employee at the recycling center.

Currently, the recycling center ships all of its products to Saginaw. Improving the storage at the recycling center will mean that officials may be able to get more money if a better market can be found for the goods.

Last year, the township received \$13,000 for its recycled goods.

"Recycling is not going away and the state is going to start pushing it more and more," Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said. "A lot of people love recycling and the building will help us manage our overhead and allow us handle more."

Officials said construction



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Even dogs love coming to the Grayling Township Recycling Center and Transfer Station, where they get treats from employees during their visits. Above, Ron Ward, a recycling center employee, visits with Ron Joyce and his dog, Joy.

and site work for the building would be completed in the spring.

"It's going to look a lot nicer out front and we're going to be able to keep things a lot more

orderly and dry," said John Worting, the manager at the Grayling Township Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

The Crawford County board settled a lawsuit in 1996 with

City Environmental Services, the previous owner of the landfill. The county challenged the company when it tried to bring trash to Crawford County from other counties in the state not

included in the county's solid waste plan. The settlement pays for county environmental monitor's Bruce Patrick's position as well as county recycling.

Weight room addition fund-raiser kicked off

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Volunteers and Grayling school officials kicked off a campaign last week to raise funds to give fitness facilities at the high school a lift.

A community-wide fund-raising drive has been initiated to raise \$100,000 to build a new weight room at the Grayling High School.

The project is being spearheaded by Joe Ferrigan, the Grayling High School building trades instructor and wrestling coach, and a number of other community volunteers.

"I think it's really good to show the community that we are not going back to them for another millage and this is something

we can do on our own," Ferrigan said.

In a letter to Grayling High School alumni, Doug Pummell, the Grayling High School athletic director, said the weight room would allow the school to upgrade its physical fitness programs with the additional space for more cardiovascular equipment.

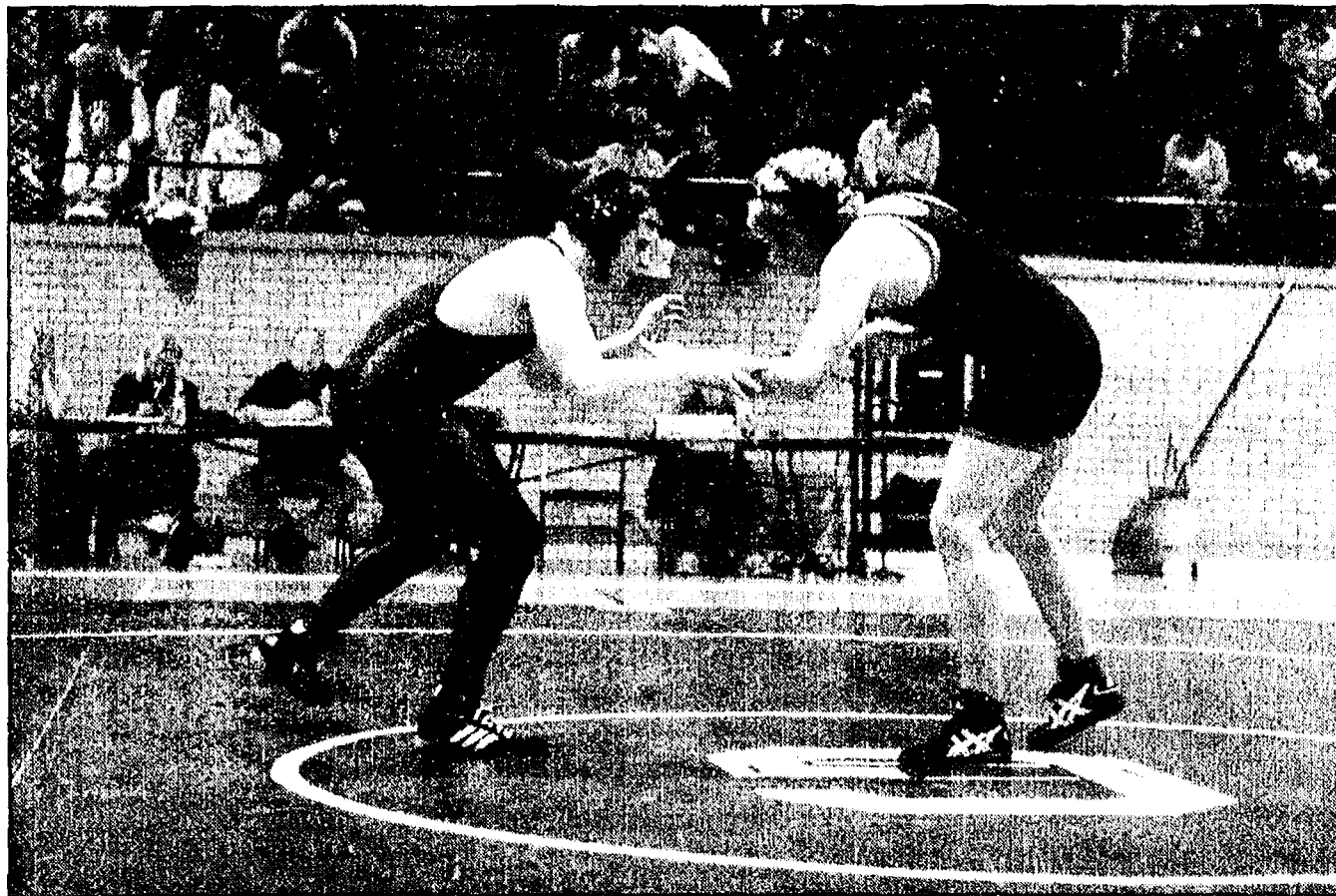
In addition, the weight room would be built off of the gym on the north end of the building. This would prevent the gym floor from being damaged, since the floor is now directly exposed to the elements and students tracking dirt and water into the gym. The addition would also allow the wrestling team to practice at the high school instead of

at the middle school, and would allow the school to move its weights from the mezzanine - the loft area in the gym where the weights and fitness equipment are currently housed, where the floor is deteriorating.

Joe Powers, the Crawford AuSable Schools superintendent, said school officials and community leaders hope to have half the funds for the project raised by the middle of January.

"This is not a taxpayer issue," Powers said. "This is a community issue, and if there is enough support, we will move forward with the project."

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has been approached to help with the project, as well as other community leaders.



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Men charged for stealing purse

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two Grayling men were charged last week for stealing a purse from an 82-year-old woman while she was Christmas shopping.

Peter Augustus Allen Haverstock, 24, and David Mellen, 18, were both charged in Crawford County District Court last week for one count of unarmed robbery. They face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

The two men are accused of jumping an 82-year-old Grayling woman from behind when she was in the Milltown Plaza parking lot around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, said Grayling City Police Department Detective Dennis Long. They were able to get her purse when the strap broke during the struggle. The woman sustained minor

injuries.

Grayling City Police Officer Al Somero responded to the scene and interviewed the victim and the witnesses. He also began pursuing tips and going to area homes.

Earlier in the week, police were able to determine that the suspects had used the woman's cell phone, which was in her purse, to contact local numbers, Long said.

After compiling investigation information, warrants were authorized for the two Grayling Township men.

Mellen was arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 21. When police attempted to locate Haverstock, they were told that he had purchased a bus ticket in Traverse City, and was on his way to stay with relatives in Virginia. Officers from the Big

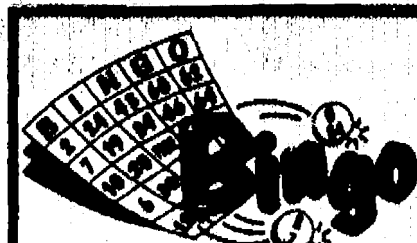
Rapids Department of Public Safety apprehended Haverstock, who purchased the bus ticket using an alias, at a bus stop on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The suspects are also accused of attempting to rob an elderly man in Grayling Township, Long said. The man was able to ward off the attackers while they were trying to enter his home, Long said.

Mellen and Haverstock remain in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

Long said he would like to remind people to shop with companions after dark or wait to leave the stores when there are other customers walking to their vehicles.

He also urged people to keep valuables out of sight, and to have their keys ready to access their vehicles.



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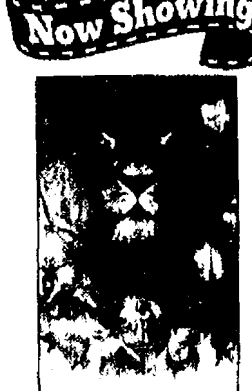
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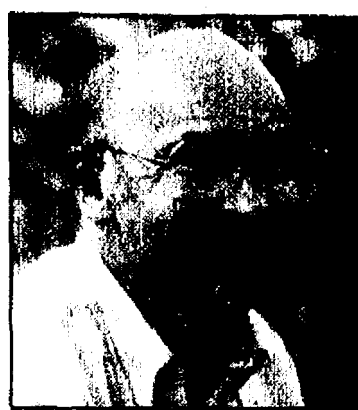
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Let's try New Year's resolutions one more time

(COLUMNIST'S NOTE: One year ago, *The Almanack* offered several ideas for New Year's resolutions for the year just ending. Looking at how the world has fared since then, apparently they didn't work very well. So let's try them again. On television, it's called a rerun.)

IT'S TIME FOR "Auld Lang Syne" again, which means it's also time for resolutions and renewal for the New Year 2006.

In an effort to be helpful, here's a holiday recipe that everyone should resolve to use frequently during the coming New Year:

"Take four cups of love ... two cups of loyalty ... three cups of understanding and forgiveness ... one cup of friendship and another cup of kindness ... five spoons of hope ... two spoons of tenderness ... four quarts of faith ...

one barrel of laughter.

"Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith.

"Blend with tenderness and kindness.

"Stir with understanding, forgiveness and friendship.

"Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

"Bake with sunshine and hope.

"Serve daily, with generous helpings."

If each of us would try this recipe once in a while during 2006, this would be a much better world ... and it would be more fun to live in it.

I don't remember where I first found this recipe for happiness and a good life, but wisdom can be found anywhere. If it's good advice, follow it.

MORE RESOLUTIONS - Another good set of resolutions I

read on a placemat at a forgotten restaurant several years ago. I recommend the ideas to Almanack readers, but not the restaurant.

Take time to work ... it is the price of success.

Take time to think ... it is the source of power.

Take time to play ... it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read ... it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to worship ... it is the highway to reverence.

Take time to be friendly ... it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh ... it is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream ... it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to live.

THERE'S MORE - At the risk of overkill, here's another set of

possible resolutions for the new year, offered for your consideration.

These "Ten Commandments of Human Relations" came from a newsletter sent by a small city chamber of commerce to its hometown newspaper many years ago. I don't know the chamber's source, but these are still excellent suggestions.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, you must be a friend.

5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a joy to

you.

6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody, if you try.

7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There usually are three sides to any controversy - your side, the other person's, and the right side.

9. Be eager to lend a helping hand. Often it is appreciated more than you know.

10. Maintain a good sense of humor, a huge dose of patience, and a dash of humility. This combination will open many doors and the rewards will be enormous.

THAT'S ENOUGH sweetness and light for one sitting, but it seems to me there are enough positive suggestions in the above

items to last a full year.

If you are one of those procrastinators who have not yet developed your new year's resolutions for 2006, please feel free to adopt any - or all - of the suggestions listed above as your own resolutions. There's no extra charge.

To all of you, a prosperous and Happy New Year, from the Almanack

(CLOSING NOTE: Now if everyone who reads *The Almanack* will be serious in their pursuit of these recipes for peace, success and happiness, this columnist promises to come up with something new ... or at least different ... for the final column of 2006.)

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

The merry was taken out of Christmas

To the editor:

To the person who helped themselves to our woodpile.

You must not know the proper way to get your firewood. You first get a permit, then during the summer and fall you can pick out your wood. Then you wouldn't have to wade through five inches of snow to get to it.

You were choosy in the taking of our wood. A man of 76 years old worked hours cutting, haul-

ing, splitting and stacking that wood. And, you helped yourself.

You must be in good health to take as much as you did, so fast, before you could be caught. You should have thought ahead, like we did, and prepared for winter.

It takes people like you to take the "Merry" out of Christmas, and you did.

Noreen Rasmussen
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Residents are warned about thin ice

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield wants to make sure the citizens of Crawford County stay safe by staying off thin ice. Ice on our lakes and rivers must be five inches thick to hold a person and eight inches thick for snowmobiles and off-road vehicles.

While Sheriff Wakefield hopes that all residents will wait until the ice has thickened, he warns that the ice is never 100 percent safe. Anyone venturing out onto the ice should take the following precautions:

Do not make the first tracks on the ice. Check with some-

one familiar with the area before going out.

Leave a travel plan with someone in case you don't return.

Dress in layers to protect all exposed body parts. Consider wearing a personal flotation device, or ice creepers for boots.

Carry safety items like a cell phone, whistle or rope. Ice picks, or even screwdrivers, can be used to climb over broken ice.

Check ice thickness by using an ice spud, auger or cordless drill. Keep a safe distance

between yourself and others in your group. If you find a weak spot, retreat.

If you hear the ice crack, have your group spread out. Everyone should immediately lie down to distribute the weight on the ice more evenly, then crawl on your belly to safer ice.

If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. Call 911 and then use a pole, branch, rope or other long object to try and reach the victim.

If you fall through the ice, stay calm. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting

hands and arms up onto safer ice. Ice picks or screwdrivers can help you get a grip on the ice. Continue to swim up onto the ice until you can crawl or roll out onto the ice to safety.

Pets that go out on ice are a major cause for many near-drownings and deaths. Stay where you are and coax them back to safety.

While Sheriff Wakefield hopes that nobody in Crawford County will find him/herself in such a precarious situation on the ice this season, by heeding the warnings above he knows you can stay alive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

New twist on an old scam

Sheriff Wakefield would like everyone to know an old scam has resurfaced.

The Visa and MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works like this: "This is (name), I'm calling from the Security

and Fraud Department at Visa (or MasterCard). My badge number is ####. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern and I'm calling to verify it."

Typically, the caller already

knows the issuing bank, credit card number and your address. The scam is that the caller will ask you to verify that you are in possession of the card by reading the three-digit security numbers on the back of the

card. Neither Visa nor MasterCard will ever ask for this information.

Encourage people to call their credit card companies direct with questions. Hang up on telephone swindlers.

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EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will be closed on
Monday, January 2.
Deadlines for the
January 5, 2006
Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 29 5pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 30 by noon
Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 30 by noon
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 3 by noon

The *Avalanche* office will reopen on
Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 am.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Right to Life to meet

The Crawford County Right to Life group will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary's Family Center, in Grayling.

Church to host luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host a lunch on Thursday, Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes a hot casserole, a selection of cold foods, make your own sandwich and a salad. Dessert and coffee are included. Take-outs are available. Cost is \$5 a person.

GHS hosts Financial Aid Night

Grayling High School will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m., at the GHS Media Center. Presenter Christin Horndt from the Financial Aid Office of Kirtland Community College will offer information on finding ways to make college affordable. For more information call 989-344-3512.

PATH Workshop to be held

The Personal Action Toward Health Workshop (PATH) is a six-week program that will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Jan. 6, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6 and 13, at the Grayling Township Hall on West M-72. The workshop will help people increase their ability to take charge of their health challenges and to lead more active, positive lives. Linda Cronk from the Crawford and Roscommon MSU Extension and Robin Williams from TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, will facilitate the workshops. Call Linda at 344-3279 with questions or to register.

Scholarships offered for Interlochen Arts Camp

Top high-school musicians around the country have the opportunity to apply for an Emerson Scholarship Award to the world-famous Interlochen Arts Camp in northern Michigan. Fifty-two students from across the United States will receive a full scholarship for the 2006 Interlochen Arts Camp.

The merit-based scholarships are funded through a generous grant from St. Louis-based Emerson.

The Emerson Scholars Award is a \$5,802 scholarship, which provides full tuition, private lessons, and room and board for the six-week summer program. Interlochen's 79th Camp season dates are June 24 through Aug. 7, 2006.

Applicants must be in grades nine through 12 and demonstrate exceptional proficiency on harp, string, wind or percussion instruments. An audition submitted on tape or CD is required with application.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2006, and winners will be announced by April 15, 2006. Winners will be determined solely on merit.

"What defines Interlochen is the intense energy and commitment of the teachers and students," noted 2005 Emerson Scholar Benjamin Ou-Yang of Pennsylvania. "Although the students come from places around the world, everyone shares a common passion for the arts."

"Emerson and Interlochen partnering together," said Andrew Sharkey, 2005 Emerson Scholar from Indiana, "have given me one giant step in the direction of allowing me to pursue

sue dreams of becoming a professional musician."

"I was solo euphonium with the World Youth Symphony Orchestra for six consecutive weeks, which was amazing," said Pamela Miller, 2005 Emerson Scholar from Nevada. "At the same time I got to meet kids from all over the world and build friendships that will last a lifetime. [The Emerson Scholars Award has] changed my life in such a unique and positive way."

"This has been a summer that I will never forget," said Andrew Hall, a 2005 Emerson Scholar from North Carolina, "and the Emerson name will always be tied to that meaning."

Established in 1987, the Emerson Scholars Program recognizes exceptional high-school musicians and gives them an opportunity to hone their talents in an environment that is recognized around the world as the premier training ground for young artists.

"This is one of the most prestigious scholarship offerings at Interlochen," said Interlochen President Jeffrey S. Kimpton. "Thanks to the generosity of Emerson, we can provide some of this nation's top young artists with an artistic experience unlike any other."

For more information, or to obtain an application, e-mail admissions@interlochen.org or call (231) 276-7472 or write the Emerson Scholars Program, Interlochen Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI, 49643.

Complete information also is available online at www.interlochen.org

Animal Shelter holding annual Snowmobile Fun Run

The 2nd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held Saturday, Jan. 28.

This year's event is being organized and sponsored again by Mary Becker of Washington Mortgage Company. Also sponsoring are Century 21 River Country Real Estate, The Ole Barn, Sawmill Tavern, Dingman's Tavern and Holiday Inn of Grayling.

Entry is a \$25 donation which includes lunch, dinner, a commemorative t-shirt and many chances to win prizes.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. at The Ole Barn, 6811 M-72 West in Grayling (at the corner of M-93 and M-72). Lunch will be provided at the time of check-in.

From The Ole Barn, participants will take a leisurely roundtrip ride visiting all sponsors and ending back at The Ole Barn for dinner, dancing and prize drawings. If there is inclement weather, participants will ride by car. Those wishing to participate by car are also welcome.

Pre-registration by mail is highly encouraged to allow organizers to plan meals. Pre-register by completing a form available at any sponsor location or the one provided here and mailing along with check or money order in the appropriate amount to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Registration forms are also available at the shelter and the Crawford County Avalanche.

For this event, many local motels are offering lodging spe-

cials, including the Holiday Inn of Grayling, Pointe North Motel, North Country Lodge, and River Country Motor Lodge. Mention "Charity Fun Run" when making a reservation and receive a special rate on a place to stay that weekend.

"Last year's event was a lot of fun for everyone," said Sharon Priebe, President of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. "There were 32 participants in the 1st Annual Fun Run and we hope many more people will join us this year and make the Fun Run an even bigger success to help the homeless animals in our county as we get ready to build a new shelter facility."

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Any questions regarding the 2nd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run should be directed to Mary Becker at (248) 712-3453 or (989) 348-7919; or by email to mbecker@washingtonmortgage.com.

Anyone wishing to donate a prize for the event is asked to contact Cheryl Ruley at (989) 619-0473 or by email to mckkuley@core.com to arrange pick up of the item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations to this event are tax-deductible.

Use caution behind the wheel this winter

With winter upon us, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds motorists to drive safely and steer clear of snowplows.

State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff says that MDOT crews will be working day and night this winter, including holidays and weekends, to clear snow and ice from 9,716 miles of state roadways.

MDOT reminds motorists to: Always wear safety belts and be sure passengers are buckled up.

Be cautious of bridges which can be icy even when the approaching pavement is clear and dry.

Merge slowly since sudden movements can cause vehicles to slide.

Slow down when visibility is low or roads are snowy or icy.

Accelerate and brake slowly; avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Dec. 29 - Jan. 4, 2006 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lakes, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Dec. 29 and Jan. 3-4.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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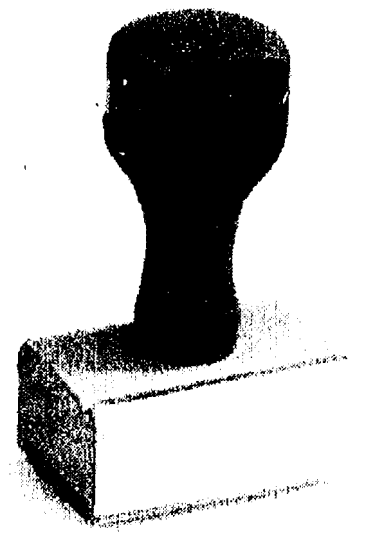
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November blood drives considered successful

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Nov. 3, at the Frederic Township Hall, had 25 donors. Alan Eison received a 30 gallon pin; Joseph Rozenek, a 15 gallon pin; and Carlotta Losana, a four gallon. There was also a first time donor, Shirley Young.

The Grayling High School Blood Drive held on Nov. 2 had 75 pints donated. There were 38 first time donors: Michael Barry, Angela Bickmann, Elizabeth Bonnington, Nicholas Carrothers, Summer Coe, Joel Collin, Jessica Cooper, Alexandria Fedak, Ryan Feldhauser, Jenna Frankowski, Eric Goscicki, Nathan Helsel, Amanda Hulbert, Travis Isenhauer, Shantina Jacobs, Victoria King, Daniel Latusek, Danielle Lighthall, Kimberly Long, Kara Longendyke, Jamie Lucksted, Mark Lutz, Michelle

Mills, Erin Morrell, Matthew Mayer, Maranda Shear, Darcy Shiner, Stephen Southard, Nicholas Steffey, Amanda Theolet, Justine Tozer, Mark Wejrowski, Chelsea Wolcott, Jessica Wolford, Jamie Wyss, Ashley Zalucha and Rachael Ziny. Andrew Ferrigan and Michelle Sowinski received one gallon pins and Angela Miller received a six gallon pin.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday Jan. 4, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion, sponsored by M.A.T.E.S.

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, donors will be needed to replenish the blood supply. Hospitals in Michigan use about 2,000 blood products each day. Donors will be eligible for special fun giveaways and also a chance to enter a raffle for a plasma screen TV.

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The Bible Speaks

Not Ashamed of God's Gospel

Two weeks ago we studied Paul's daring or boldness in the gospel of Christ. Paul said, "I am debtor...I am ready...I am not ashamed..." Paul's obligation was to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to each and every human being on earth. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because it is the gospel of the person of God, Christ His Holy Son, His Holy Scriptures, and His Holy Spirit. "16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Rom 1:16).

Not only is the gospel the good news of the person of God, but also of the power of God. The gospel is the only power of God which can save. All other powers leave us hopeless and helpless. The same greek word *dunamis* here translated as power is also translated mighty works, miracles, virtue, and strength elsewhere in the Bible. The greatest manifestation of this power to us was in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "4And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead;" (Romans

1:4) This same power is promised to resurrect all Christians at the return of Jesus Christ according to Rom 8:11: "11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

No only was Paul, not ashamed of the person and power of the gospel, but also the purpose of the gospel which is our eternal salvation. The gospel of Christ is the power of God "unto salvation." Peter tells us in Acts 4:12: "12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is by faith or trust in Jesus Christ by believing His word of truth in the gospel we are sealed unto salvation according to Eph. 1:13: "13In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." We are told in Heb. 5:9 that Jesus Christ is the "author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

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and purpose of the gospel but also the plan..." to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." We have the promise of Rom 10:9,10,13: "9That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation....13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We receive the faith to believe as a gift by believing God's Holy Scripture. "17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom 10:17). Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of our faith. "2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb 12:2). Have you believed the gospel of Jesus Christ for your salvation? Pastor "B"

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New biopsy less invasive for breast cancer and melanoma patients

A less invasive method for identifying the spread of cancer to lymph nodes is being used for breast cancer and melanoma patients at Otsego Memorial Hospital by Wendy Frye, M.D., a general surgeon with the OMH Medical Group.

The Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy enables a surgeon to identify affected nodes and remove them for further study by a pathologist. This information is then used by an oncologist to determine the appropriate course of treatment.

"With this procedure, an average of two lymph nodes are removed, which means the incision is small and recovery time is reduced," said Dr. Frye. In the standard procedure, 10 to 15 lymph nodes would have been removed, and a drainage catheter would have been needed for about a week after the procedure. By removing only a few nodes, the drainage catheter is not necessary. There is also a decreased risk of complications such as lymphedema, and nerve or vascular injury.

measures radiation, is used in surgery to detect the location of the nodes. The amount of radiation is low, less than a chest x-ray.

In the operating room a blue dye is injected which is carried to the same nodes. This dye allows the surgeon to see the nodes.

"We have a better chance of finding the nodes if we use both methods of identification," said Dr. Frye.

The lymph nodes removed predict the status of the remaining lymph nodes. The procedure may also be done in conjunction with breast surgery to treat the tumor.

"The surgery time is equivalent to the standard procedure, the difference is post-operative," Dr. Frye said. "Most breast cancer and melanoma patients are candidates for the procedure and this is rapidly becoming the standard of care."

Dr. Frye said if the lymph nodes are palpable, the cancer is too advanced for this biopsy option and all of the nodes would need to be removed.

The OMH Medical Group consists of 19 medical providers and the teams that support their practices. The group includes pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics, integrative medicine, general surgery, neurology, and an infusion therapy clinic.

OMH Medical Group also works collaboratively with the providers at the MedCare Walk-In Clinic, located 1996 Walden Drive, and the courtesy specialists at Otsego Diagnostic and Specialty Clinic at 1320 E. M-32, Gaylord.

OBITUARIES

Beatrice Annis
Oct. 23, 1929 - Dec. 24, 2005
Beatrice Beverly Annis, 76, of Grayling, passed away on December 24, 2005.
Beatrice was a retired accountant for the State of Michigan.
No service are planned at this time.
Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 30 - Closed
Monday, Jan. 2 - Closed
Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, peas, beets, and fruited Jell-O. Dinner - roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and apricots. 6 p.m. Pool.
Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Lunch - bacon quiche, broccoli, Ambrosia fruit salad and pastry. Dinner - Swedish meatballs with rice, asparagus, peas, and carrots. 10 a.m. line dancing, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5:30 p.m. Burger King Bingo.
Thursday, Jan. 5 - Lunch - hungry boy casserole, brussels sprouts, corn and mixed fruit. Dinner - navy bean soup, ham biscuit, pineapple, spinach and blueberry crisp. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 94 complaints the week of Dec. 19 - Dec. 25:

Three EMS responses, 20 traffic accidents, one accident non-traffic, one parking violations, one inspections/investigations, three motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school buses, two civil matters/family disputes, five suspicious situations, two lost and found properties, 23 general non-criminal complaints, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, three burglaries/home invasions, four larcenies, one forgery/counterfeiting, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, two sex offenses/indecent exposures, four public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL, one operating under influence of alcohol, one health and safety, one health/safety violations, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, and seven driving violations/driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Celebrating Christmas in Grayling with Mary Jane Knibbs were her children: Linda and Mike Brady from Chicago, Nancy and Michael Elliott from Ann Arbor, Cindy and Jim Knibbs from Petoskey, and Holly Knibbs and Bob Long from Traverse City; and grandson Michael Ryan Elliott from Ann Arbor.

"I definitely believe in this procedure, because I've seen the difference it can make for patients," said Dr. Frye. "It really involves a team approach including radiology, pathology, and the Operating Room team, all working together to reach a diagnosis which will determine if a patient will need chemotherapy."

To begin the procedure, a radiologist injects a radioactive tracer into the breast. The lymph channels pick up the tracer and carry it to lymph nodes under the arm. A gamma probe, which



Dr. Wendy Frye, (right) a general surgeon with the OMH Medical Group, and OR staff member (left) Felicia Krizman, explain how the gamma probe is used during breast cancer and melanoma biopsies to detect radioactive tracers. The procedure helps reduce the number of lymph nodes which are removed, shortening the recovery time after the biopsy.

BIRTHS

Heather and Lonnie Hager, of Mio, announce the arrival of their son, Alex H., born at Mercy Hospital on December 9, 2005, at 1:18 a.m., weighing 6lbs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Joyce and Jeff Hoffman, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Landon Jeffrey, born at Mercy Hospital on December 11, 2005, at 12:17 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs. and measuring 20 inches in length.

Ashley and Jon Parker, of Frederic, announce the arrival of their son, Aiden Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on December 9,

2005, at 5:03 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 7 ozs. and measuring 20 inches in length.

Bethany and Jonathon Gilkerson, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Andrew Jonathon, born at Mercy Hospital on December 12, 2005, at 8:06 p.m., weighing 10 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 23 inches in length.

Dee Dee Galloway and Dale Harding, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a daughter, Kali Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital on December 15, 2005, at 8:39 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

HONORS

Northwood University
Jessica Green, of Grayling, has made the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood University. To achieve Dean's

List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.
Jessica is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green of Grayling.

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Robert Schoenhals 400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974 Website: www.mmi-umc.org Barter Free Sunday Worship8:30 & 11 am Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade)11 am Adult Sunday School9:45 am Children's Sunday School11 am (Childcare Available during 11:00 service) Bible Study (Wed)10:30 am Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Jeff Arthur Phone 989-275-1061 Services held Sunday at Camp Ashtabie off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting7 pm Lovells Community Chapel (Bible based & non-denominational) Pastor Larry Hankins Associate Pastor Tom Fauce 8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells 989-348-2701 Sunday School (youth & adult)10 am Morning Worship11 am Wed Prayer & Bible Study7-8 pm Free Methodist Rick Secord - Pastor 6632 (M-72 W) • 348-9093 Early Service8:30 am Sunday School10:30 am Morning Service11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)7 pm Enma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship11 am Adult and Youth Sunday School9:30 am Heritage Baptist Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. 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Cut River Rd Roscommon, MI 48855 Phone: 989-348-9141 or 989-821-6722 E-mail: realifeellowship@hotmail.com	Calvary Baptist Church Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor M-72 West Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship10:30 am Evening Worship6 pm Wednesday7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)7 pm Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 87:30 am Sunday Classes10 am Sunday Worship11 am Sunday Evening6 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service. Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed)7 pm Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor Lyle Stutler 211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325 Sunday School10 am Sunday Worship11 am & 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening7 pm Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor Terry Colby 705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557 Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship11 am Evening Service6 pm Wednesday Service7 pm Bear Lake Christian Pastor David Rosenberg Associate Pastor Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. 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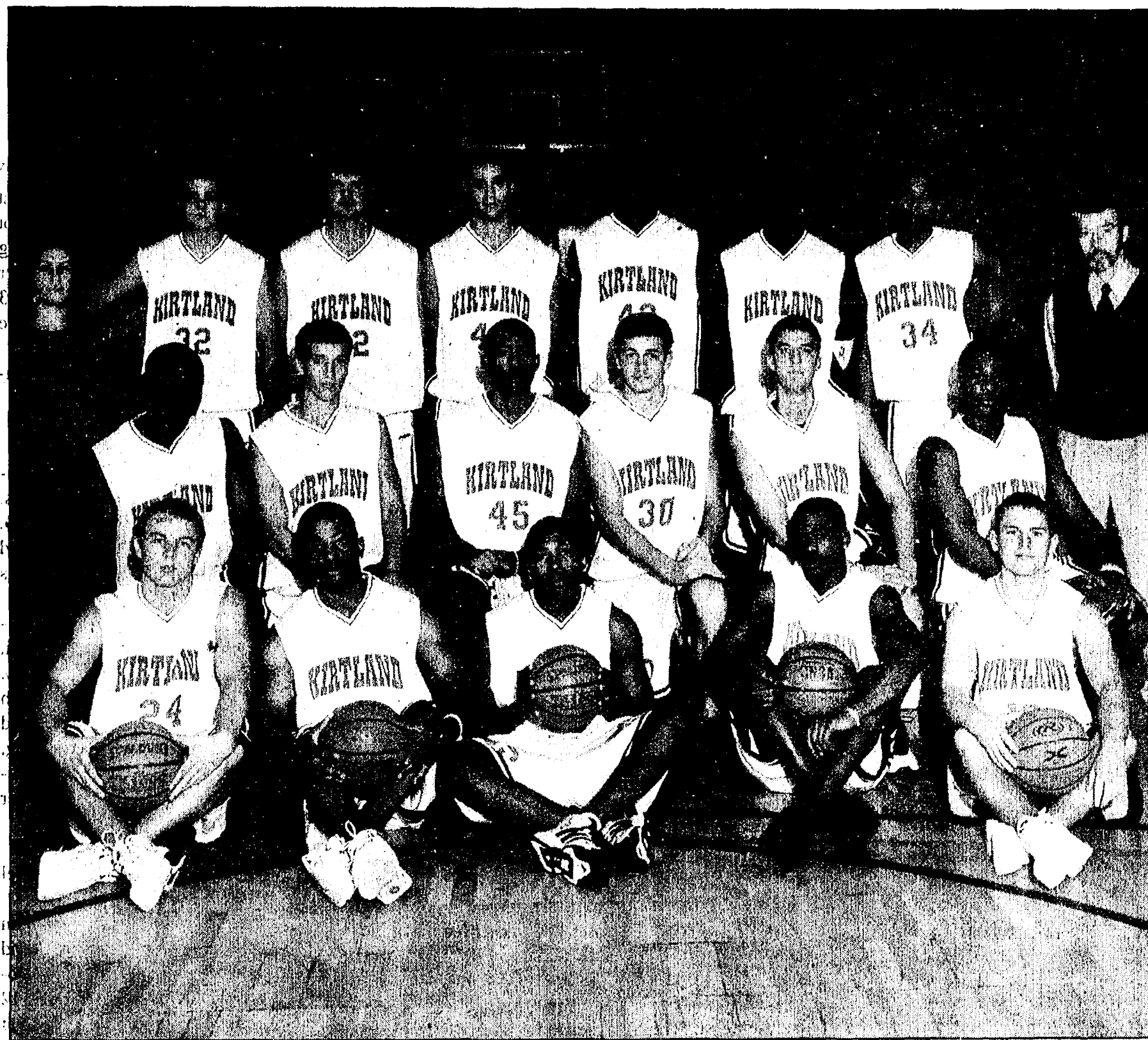


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The 2005-06 Kirtland Firebirds men's basketball team: (back, L to R) Alecia Catrell, Brian Suchowesky, David Hughes, Ryan Filipiak, Jerry Follot, Sal Kabara, Adam Reese, Steve Oppy; (middle, L to R) Juandrell Lewis, Matt Thompkins, Demarvelous Carter, Darrin Wilson, Karl Matthews, TJ Webber; (front, L to R) David Allison, John Jackson, Mike Bowie, Tony Brown and Dave Blanchard.



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The 2005-06 Kirtland Firebirds women's basketball team: (back, L to R) Jessie Leinaar, Takila Doss, Meghan Bastian, Natalie Foster, Chelsey Williams, Onica Jones, Emilee Bruner, Liz Stempki, Alicia Catrell; (middle, L to R) JoAnna Maher, Nadia Blake, Shekira Knowles, Rena Barnett, Teresa Stuck, Tom Ritter; (front, L to R) Emily Henion, Julie Frank and Evalyn Bain. Not pictured: Ashley Andrews.

Kirtland advances Bruner in academic competition

Emilee Bruner, a Kirtland Community College sophomore from Mio, has been chosen as Kirtland's nominee to the All-USA Community College Academic Team. As a result of this nomination, she becomes a member of the All-Michigan Academic Team and will be honored in March at an award luncheon in Lansing, along with Kirtland President Dr. Charles Rorie.

Bruner is working toward an associate in arts degree and hopes to someday earn a master's degree in secondary education. She maintains a 3.75 grade-point average at Kirtland, in addition to being a full-time member of Kirtland's Lady Firebirds basketball team and part-time student worker. The All-USA Community College Academic Team program is sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, as well as USA Today and

the American Association of Community Colleges. Those selected to the national teams receive stipends of \$2,500 each. Kirtland's financial aid office has granted Bruner a \$200 scholarship for her nomination. Any further scholarships will be announced along with the national rankings. For more information on scholarship opportunities at Kirtland, log on to the Kirtland Web site at, or call 989-275-5000, ext. 257.

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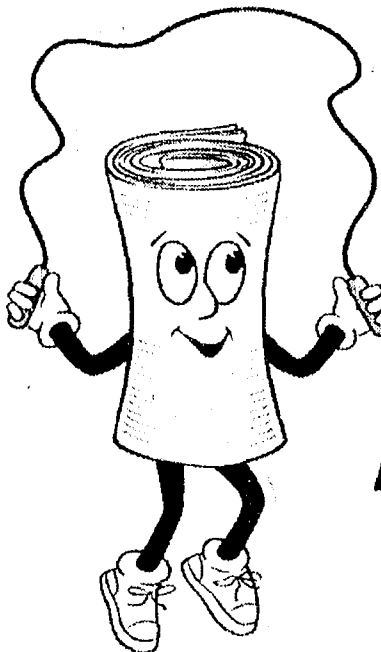


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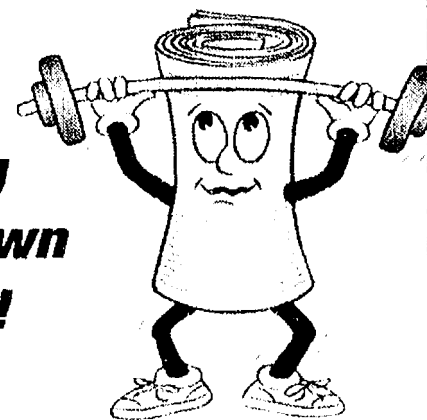
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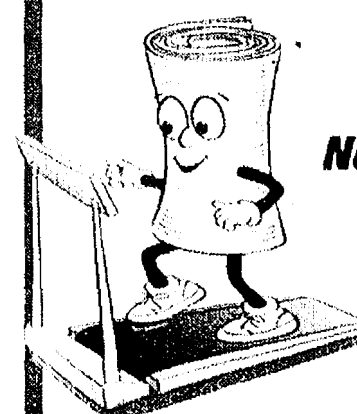


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Terry's Sport Center moves into new era

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After turning wrenches at Terry's Sport Center for 10 years, Eric Bare has moved up to take over the business.

Pam and Bob Terry have entered into a lease with Bare, who took over the day-to-day operations of the business on Dec. 15.

Bare has been the mechanic and has run the service and parts department at Terry's Sport Shop for 10 years. He now will run the parts, sales and accessories portion of the business, and will continue to service boats, snow-

mobiles, motorcycles and ATVs.

The Terry's will continue to take care of their boat storage, dock and hoist installation and removal business. They store about 200 boats for customers. The Terry's will also continue to run, the Fun N' Sun Rental business, which is involved in renting snowmobiles and boats, in an office adjacent to Terry's Sport Center.

"We're going to miss dealing with the people, but it's time to move on and pursue other interests," Bob Terry said.

Bob and his father, the late Glen Terry, opened Terry's Sport

Center in 1972 after moving to the Grayling area from Flint. Pam joined the business when she married Bob in 1984.

The business has grown steadily over the years as it has added building and showroom space.

Pam Terry said there has been a larger interest in boating over the past couple of years as men have parked their motorcycles and have taken to the water.

"They can't take a family on a motorcycle, but they can take a family boating," Pam said.

Bare started working as a mechanic for sporting goods dealerships in the Grand Rapids

area. Bare said he dabbled with working with automobiles, before moving back into recreational vehicles.

"It's my niche in life and I enjoy dealing with the people because this is their fun stuff."

Bare said he will continue to offer fun, friendly customer service at Terry's Sport Center.

"We're going to do everything we can to make it a fun experience," he said.

Terry's Sports Center will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Eric Bare, top left, who has been the mechanic at Terry's Sports Center for 10 years, has leased the business from Pam and Bob Terry and has taken over the day-to-day operations of the business.

M-TEC now even better equipped for workforce training

The M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord is now even more able to meet the workforce training needs of the region with the acquisition of 20 laptop computers.

The laptops, which were purchased through a government grant fund established specifically for vocational and technical education, will be especially

helpful for businesses seeking on-site training opportunities for their employees through M-TEC.

According to M-TEC's Workforce Development Director, Mark McCully, workforce development training courses have been offered by M-TEC for several years. Some of the successful training programs that regional employers have

taken advantage of include QuickBooks for Business Levels 1 and 2 and Microsoft Excel Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4.

McCully said he is capable of many other software training courses as well, such as Microsoft Access, Word, Powerpoint, Project and AutoCad, as well as a wide array of industry and business training

workshops. These include management and leadership training, MIOSHA safety training and jobs skills training. Customized and on-site training is available.

To learn more about the workforce development opportunities offered by M-TEC, call McCully at 989-705-3631, send e-mail to, or log onto the M-TEC Web site at mtec.kirtland.edu.

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are, from the left: (back row) Jerry Bergy, Samantha Bidwell, Joni Bindschatel, Cassie Carter, Trevor DeWitt, Ann Hamlin, Amanda Hall, Tyler Hanson; (middle row) Joshua Hermann, Kameron Hobson, Jay Love, Carlie Money, Kallie Prause, Daniel Priebe, Sarah Robinson, Marlo Russell; (front row) Brandie Trudeau, Emily Ventline, Philip Westman, Katie Whitney. Not pictured: Elaine Desenfants, Chandler Grigsby, Lindsey Johnson, Drake Kaul, Jessica Meyer, David Priebe, Joshua Robinson.

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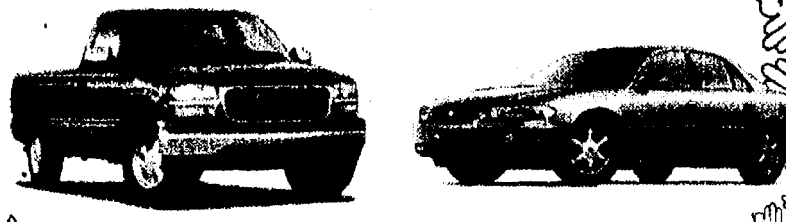
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Kirtland honors employees for years of service



Pictured (L-R) are Koliba, who is the college's chief business and financial officer; Wenger, a full-time faculty member in the English Department; Meadows, a maintenance worker; Dyer, the director of counseling; and Liddle who administers the Kirtland House as conference services specialist. Missing from the picture is Barber, Kirtland's coordinator of personnel and business services.

Kirtland Community College President Dr. Charles Rorie recently honored six Kirtland employees with some well-deserved recognition, each for 20 years of service to the college.

Kathy Barber, Don Dyer, Jackie Liddle and Joe Meadows, all of Roscommon, as well as Ed Koliba, of West Branch, and Ginna Wenger, of Prudenville, were all presented with their 20-

years pins during the college's annual holiday luncheon on Monday, Dec. 19.

One, five, 10 and 15-year pins were received by numerous other employees as well, including

Rorie who passed his five-year milestone as college president. Kirtland was established in 1966 and employs anywhere from 200 to 325 people throughout the year.

Grayling student takes first place in writing contest

The English Department at Kirtland Community College announces the winners in the annual Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) Writing Contest which was open to all enrolled students at Kirtland.

Kirtland named nine winners three each in the categories of essay, fiction and poetry and the top two in each category will be sent on to compete in the statewide LAND Writing Contest which takes entries from any of Michigan's 29 communi-

ty colleges.

"They have turned in some fantastic writing," said Kirtland writing instructor Dan Crocker who coordinates the contest at Kirtland. He sees the contest as a means for his students to get their work before a larger audience and to earn some cash in the process first and second place winners in the state competition win \$150 and \$100, respectively.

Crocker said to watch for the winning entries to be posted on a new White Pine Review Web page, or some can be found on the new student-run creative writing Web page designed "by writers and for writers" at jibberjaws.com.

The 2005-2006 LAND/KCC Writing Contest winners are:

Essays: First place, Carrie Petkus of Grayling, "Through His Eyes"; Second place, Andrea Schreffler of West Branch, "The Guide of the Moral Conscience"; Third place, Susan Bryant of Lewiston, "A Family Tradition".

Fiction: First place, Chelsea Fisher of Tawas City, "Two Encounters of Eric"; Second place, Jamie Carrol of West Branch, "The Long Lost Big Brother"; Third place, Andrea Schreffler of West Branch, "Heavy".

Poetry: First Place, Susan Bryant of Lewiston, "Wild Turkey"; Second Place, Andrea Schreffler of West Branch, "Terror"; Third Place, Chelsea Fisher of Tawas City, "Drowning in Juice".

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Cub Scout Pack 3993 sang some Christmas cheer to Mercy Manor's residents on December 12. Smiles were found from young to old. The center provided cookies and juice for the young singers for their walk back to school.

Grayling youth team up with Rialto to feed hungry

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Grayling youth are doing their part to perpetuate the Christmas spirit this holiday season, with the New Creations Youth Ministry youth group having recently completed a highly successful food drive on behalf of the Christian Help Center of Grayling.

"We had an awesome turnout," said David Bobenmoyer, who is an adult leader of the youth group along with his wife, Julie. On Saturday, Dec. 17, the Rialto hosted showings of two Charlie Brown Christmas specials as well as a contemporary Christian-themed film entitled *Left Behind: World at War*. Patrons were asked to donate whatever canned foods they could spare as the price of admission.

"All in all, it was a good day," said Bobenmoyer. "We collected several large boxes of food for the Christian Help Center."

After assisting in relief programs associated with hurricane Katrina, the local Christian Help Center has been short on resources, limiting its ability to distribute food to the needy on a local level. The New Creations Youth Ministry

made it their goal to help address this problem.

"They needed to fill their shelves back up to serve the community because they weren't able to do that," said Bobenmoyer. Although attendance was somewhat lower than expected, the organizers consider the event to be an overall success.

"I think it went well. We (had better attendance), of course, with the littler kids," said Arnie Stancil, manager of the Rialto Theater. The theater has been sponsoring similar canned food drives on an annual basis for decades.

"Almost every Christmas we've done that as long as I can remember," said Stancil. "We've always done what we could to help out the community."

This is the first year that the New Creations Youth Ministry sponsored the drive. Almost every aspect of the event's organization was handled directly by local teenagers.

"(The youth) pretty much did everything as far as the logistics of it," said Bobenmoyer. Not only did this include sending letters and making calls to advertise and run the event, but selecting the films as well.

Sixteen-year-old Jessica

Bobenmoyer was alerted about the opportunity to show *Left Behind: World at War*, a film by indie-Christian production company Cloud Ten Pictures, via e-mail. She took advantage of the opportunity and helped to organize a local screening.

"There's so much negative stuff out there today...and kids, they're searching for something," said Jessica. Her sister underscored the idea that it is possible for kids to enjoy themselves while reaching out to others.

"It was fun to give back to the community and help out," said 13 year old Nicole Bobenmoyer. New Creations Youth Ministry is a non-denominational youth group for kids 13 years old through high school age.

They currently meet at the Burning Bush Tabernacle, but David and Julie hope to eventually relocate to a larger and more neutral location. There is a possibility that they will take advantage of City Fire Department facilities.

"Some kids don't want to be in church," said Jessica. "We just want everybody to be comfortable and have fun."

The youth group, which is going into its third year, regu-

larly participates in various projects and activities, including regular concert trips to see groups including Kids in the Way.

New members are always welcome. Interested parties should call David and Julie Bobenmoyer at 989-348-2025.

"Everything is just fun," said Nicole.

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CMU musicians win four awards at Music Teachers National Association State Competition

Central Michigan University students and one alumnus won several top awards Nov. 20 at the Music Teachers National Association State Performance Competition at Michigan State University.

Jonathan Nichol of Mount Pleasant, a CMU alumnus pursuing a master's degree in music performance at Michigan State University, won first place in the collegiate solo competition. CMU senior James Fusik of Muskegon took third place

and an honorable mention in the same contest.

CMU's Trillium Q Saxophone Quartet won the college chamber music competition. Members of the group include Fusik, Grayling junior Todd Gaffke, Columbiaville junior Megan Hendrick and Holt senior David McCarthy.

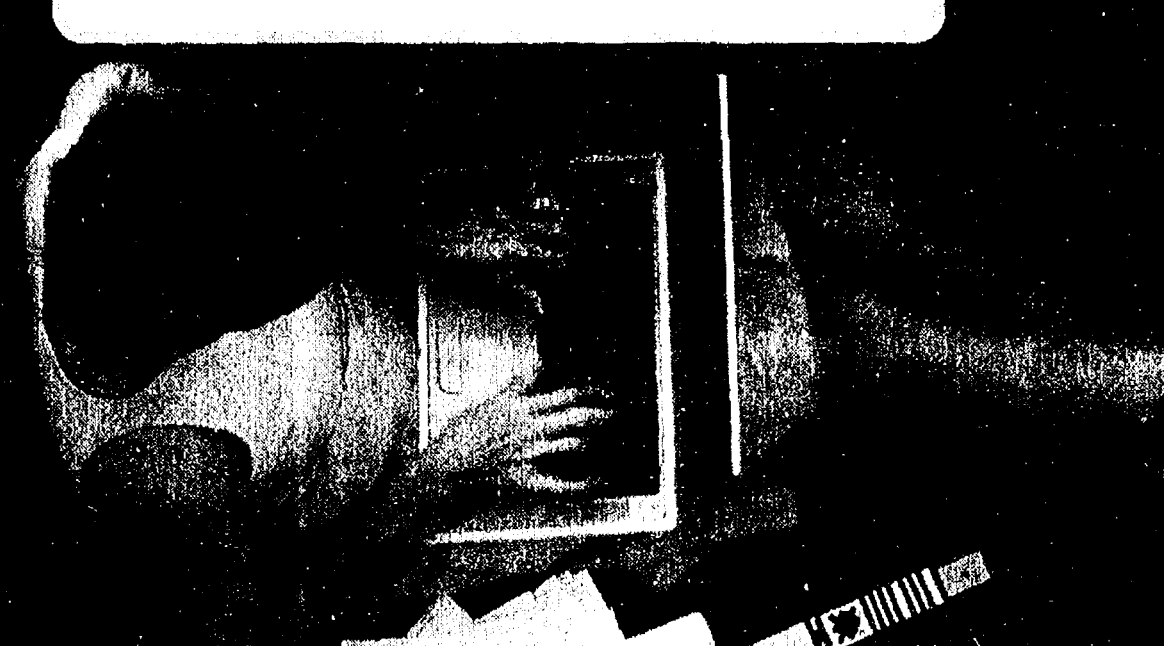
"I am quite proud of our saxophone students and the hard work they put into their music," said John Nichol, CMU saxophone professor and father of

the first place solo winner.

"I am always impressed with the brilliance that comes forth from the studio of professor John Nichol," said Sue Ann Martin, dean of CMU's College of Communication and Fine Arts.

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The ten finalists had defeated other students in their social studies classes and prevailed through the semi-final competition to reach the final event.

Finishing third place was Jeremy Richardson, second place was Matt Townsend, and the 2005-06 GMS geography bee champion is Griffin Dean. Griffin will move on to the regional competition via a written test in January.



GMS Principal Jeff Branch congratulating the three Geography Bee finalists (L to R) Third place, Jeremy Richardson, Geography Bee Winner, Griffin Dean, and second place, Matt Townsend.

Local student joins Albion College concert choir

Local student Christopher Hodges has been selected to join the Albion College Briton Singers.

The Briton Singers, Albion's most selective vocal ensemble, are chosen by audition. The chamber group performs at a variety of concerts and functions each year, both on campus and at community events.

Christopher Hodges is a junior majoring in

music education and anthropology and sociology and is completing the K-12 education program. He is the son of Douglas Hodges and Nancy Hodges of Roscommon and a graduate of Roscommon High School.

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Vikings defeat Charlevoix Rayders 77-66 in last game before break

Vikings go into winter break with a 4-1 overall record

■ Grayling starts strong vs. Rayders with a 40-15 first half on Tuesday night

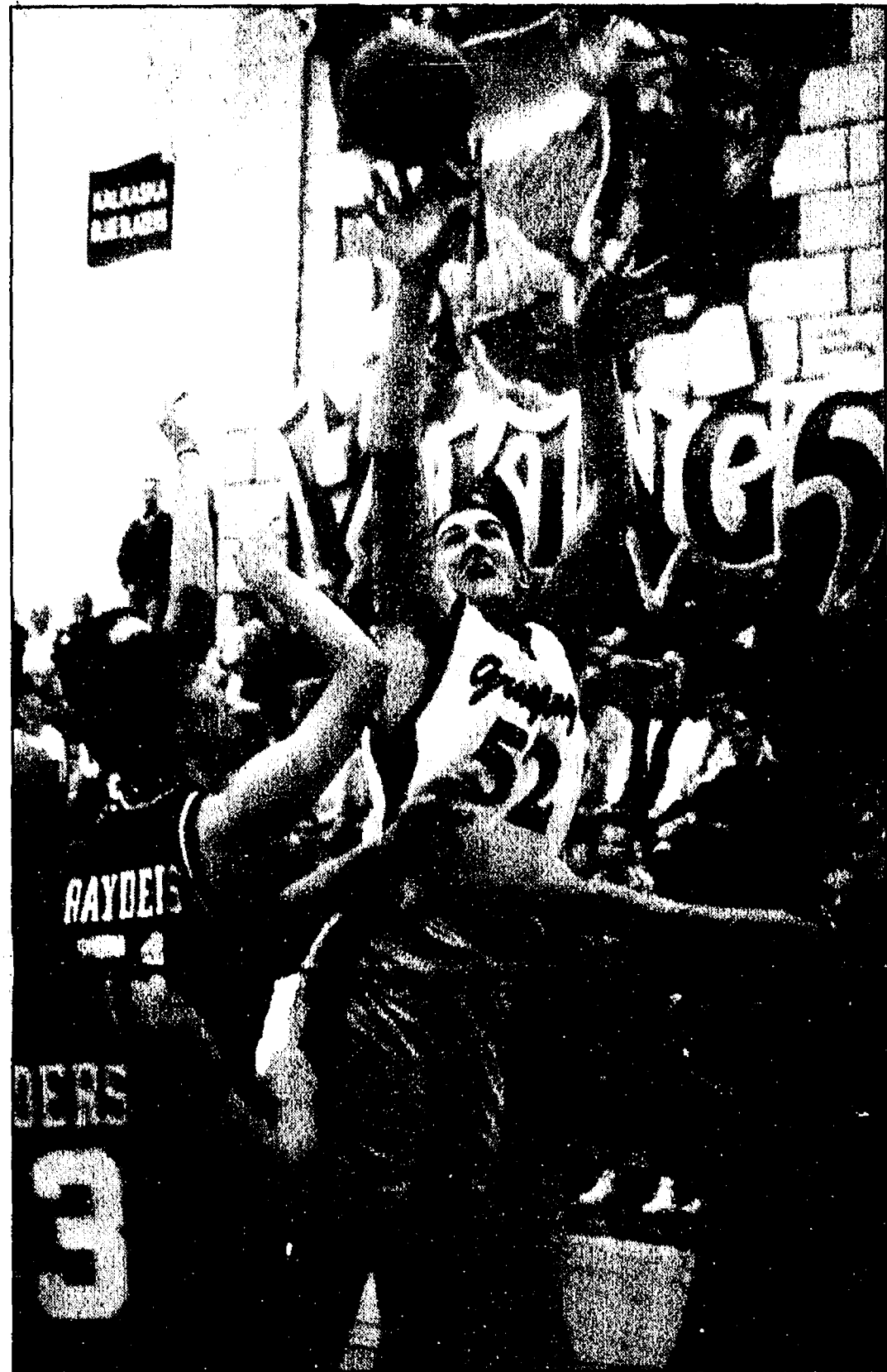
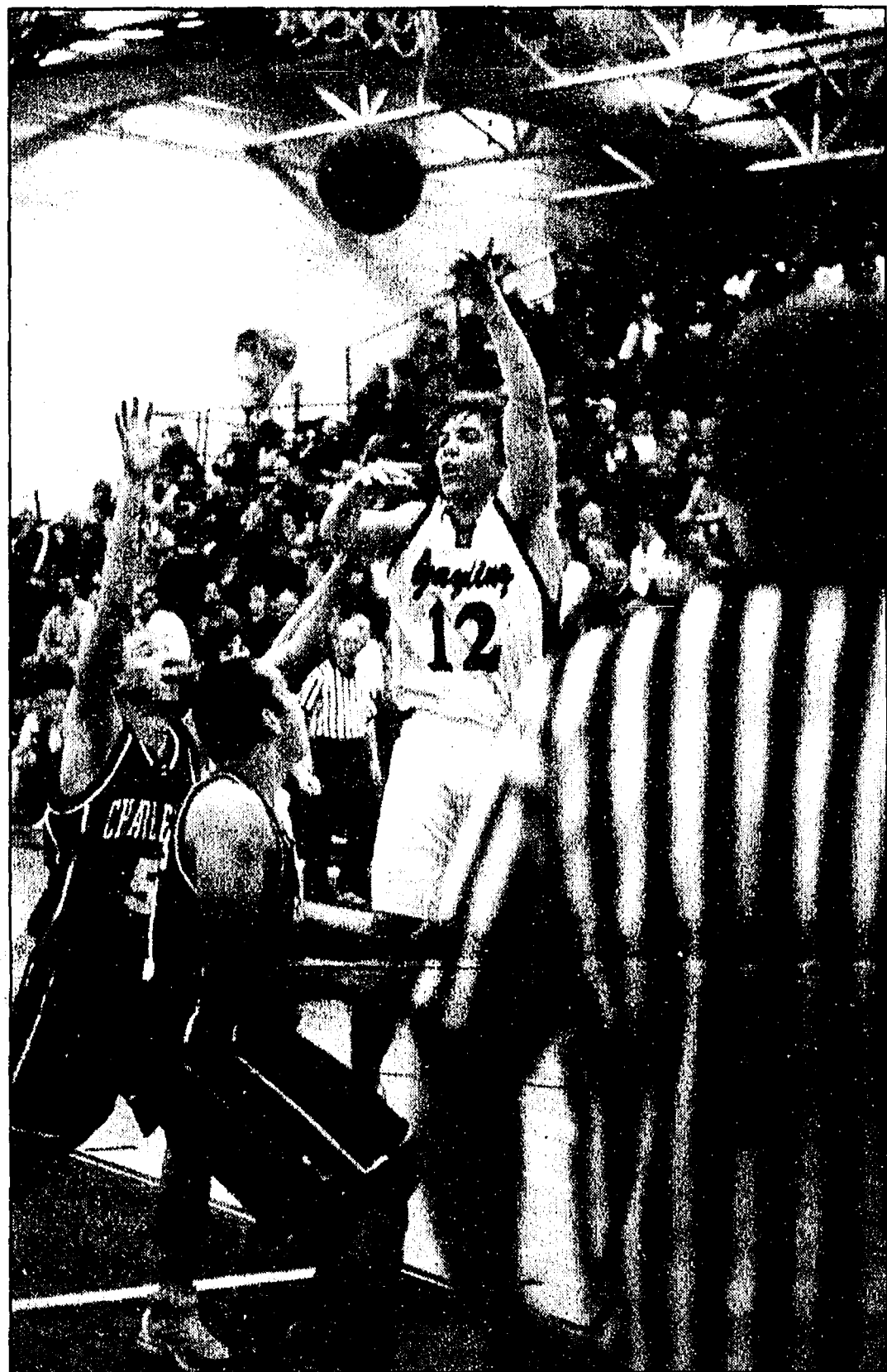
The GHS varsity boys basketball team defeated the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 77-66 in a league game at Grayling High School last Tuesday.

The Vikings got off to a strong start. GHS jumped out to a 9-0 lead to start the game and led 21-5 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling had a 40-15 advantage at halftime, and led 59-35 going into the fourth period. Charlevoix rallied in the fourth quarter, cutting Grayling's lead to as few as nine down the stretch, but the Vikings finished with an 11-point win, 77-66.

Eli VanNuck had 28 points, 5 rebounds, and 7 steals for the Vikings. Steve Hodge scored 15 points. Mike Boylan had 12 points and 5 rebounds. Jim Boylan had 11 points and 5 rebounds. Ryan Feldhauser, Bobby Starks, and Reagan Schmidt also scored points for the Vikings.

"We did a very good job of distributing the basketball," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I thought we struggled in that area on Friday, but tonight we did a really good job of that, as far as passing the basketball. I thought our post play was better. It's nice to have the ability to go inside. Our guards did a good job finding them and getting them the basketball."

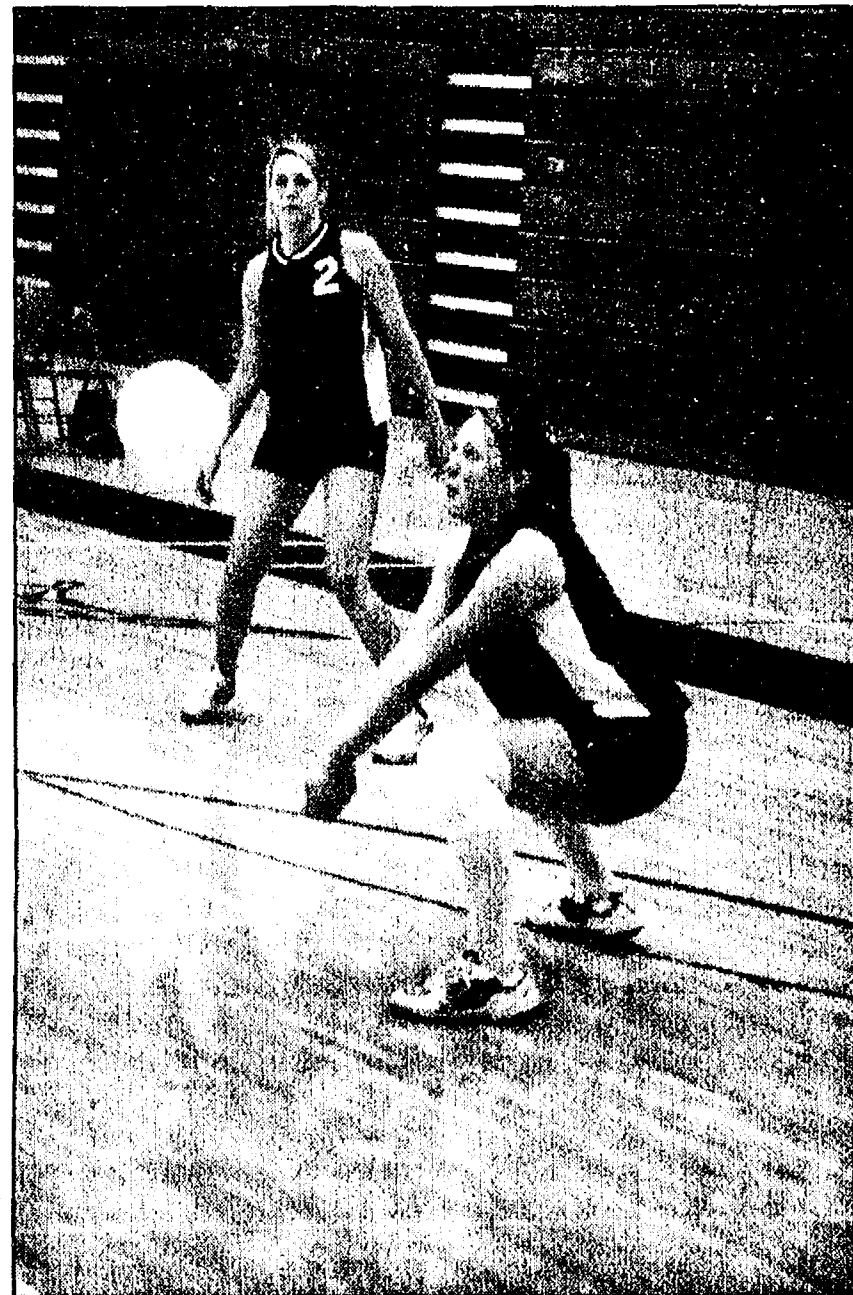
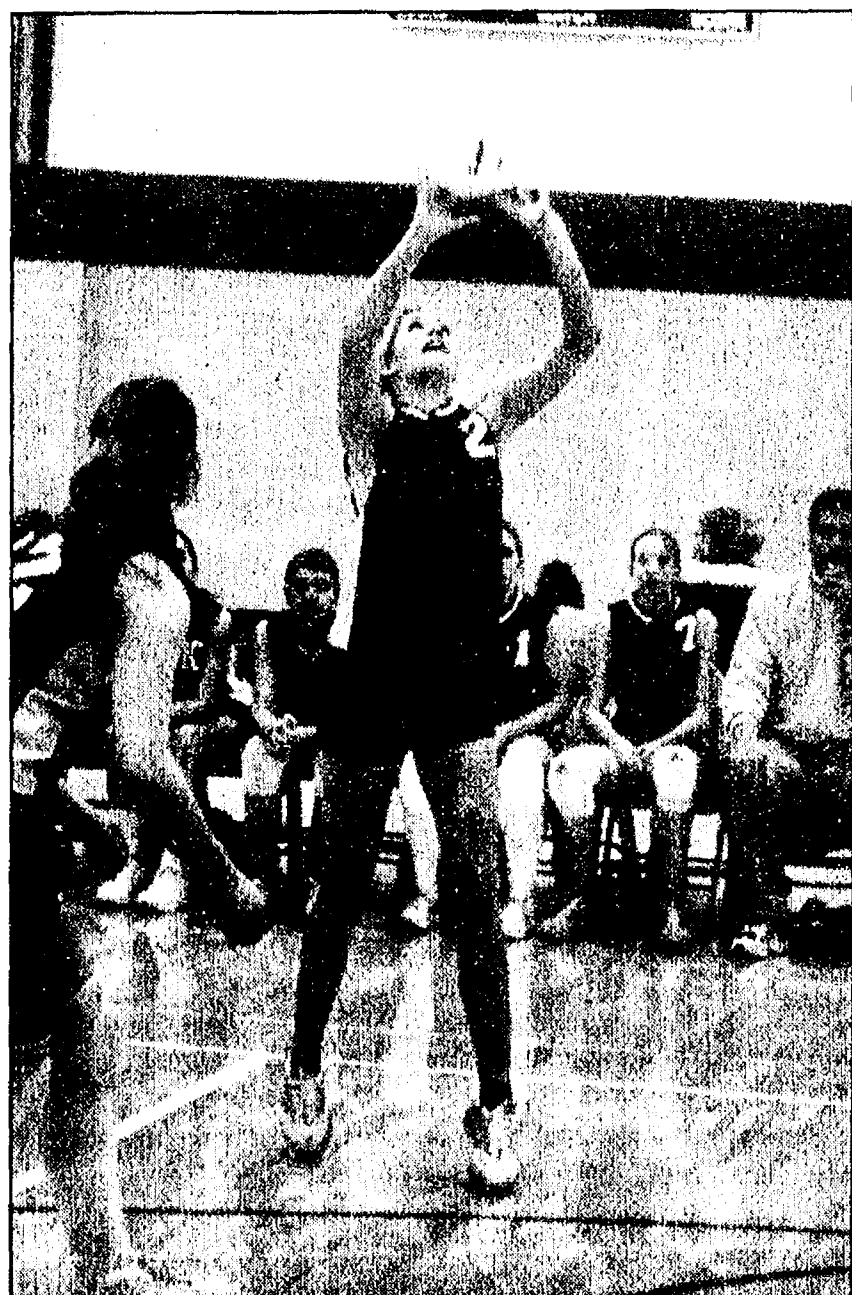
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(Left) Zac Baker passes the ball to a teammate during last Tuesday's game against Charlevoix. (Right) Mike Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. Charlevoix on Tuesday night.

Volleyball squad hosts three area teams on Monday



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Chelsea Wolcott sets a ball for Grayling during last Monday's varsity volleyball series vs. Houghton Lake. (Center) Andrea Southard hits a ball at the net against Ogemaw Heights. (Right) Sammi Wakeley hits a ball from the back row on Monday night in the series vs. Houghton Lake. Grayling also hosted Roscommon on Monday. For more on the GHS volleyball squad, see Page 3B.

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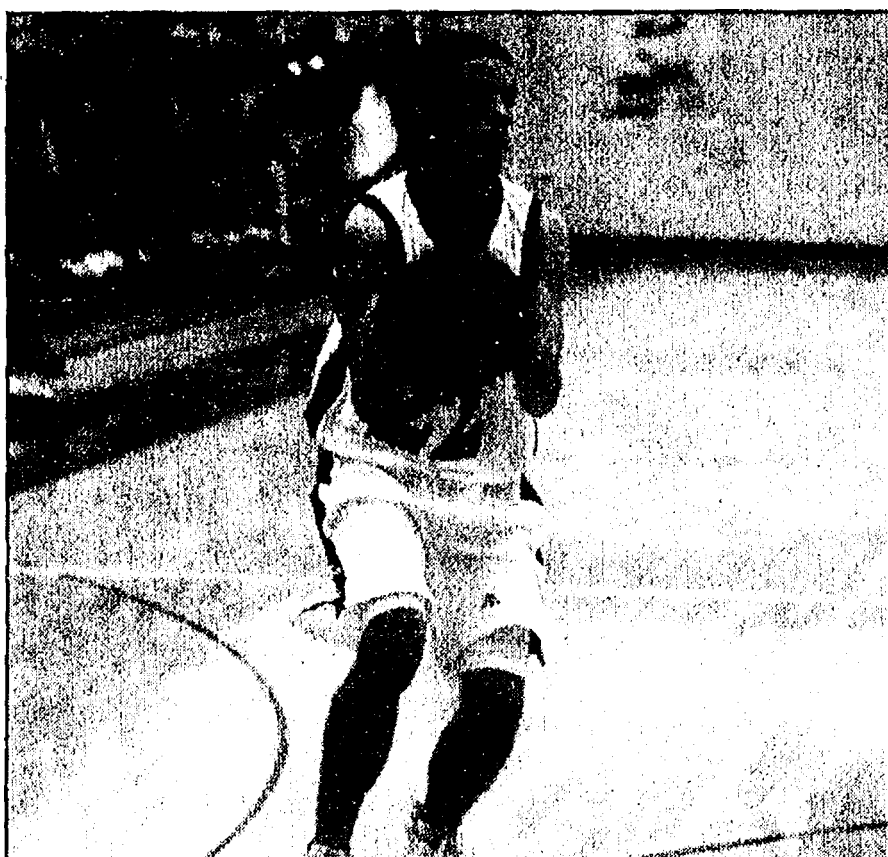
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"It was good to get Reagan Schmidt back. He's kind of the heart and soul of this group, a quiet leader," Coach Moffit said. (Schmidt missed the team's previous game -- a loss at Boyne City -- due to illness.)

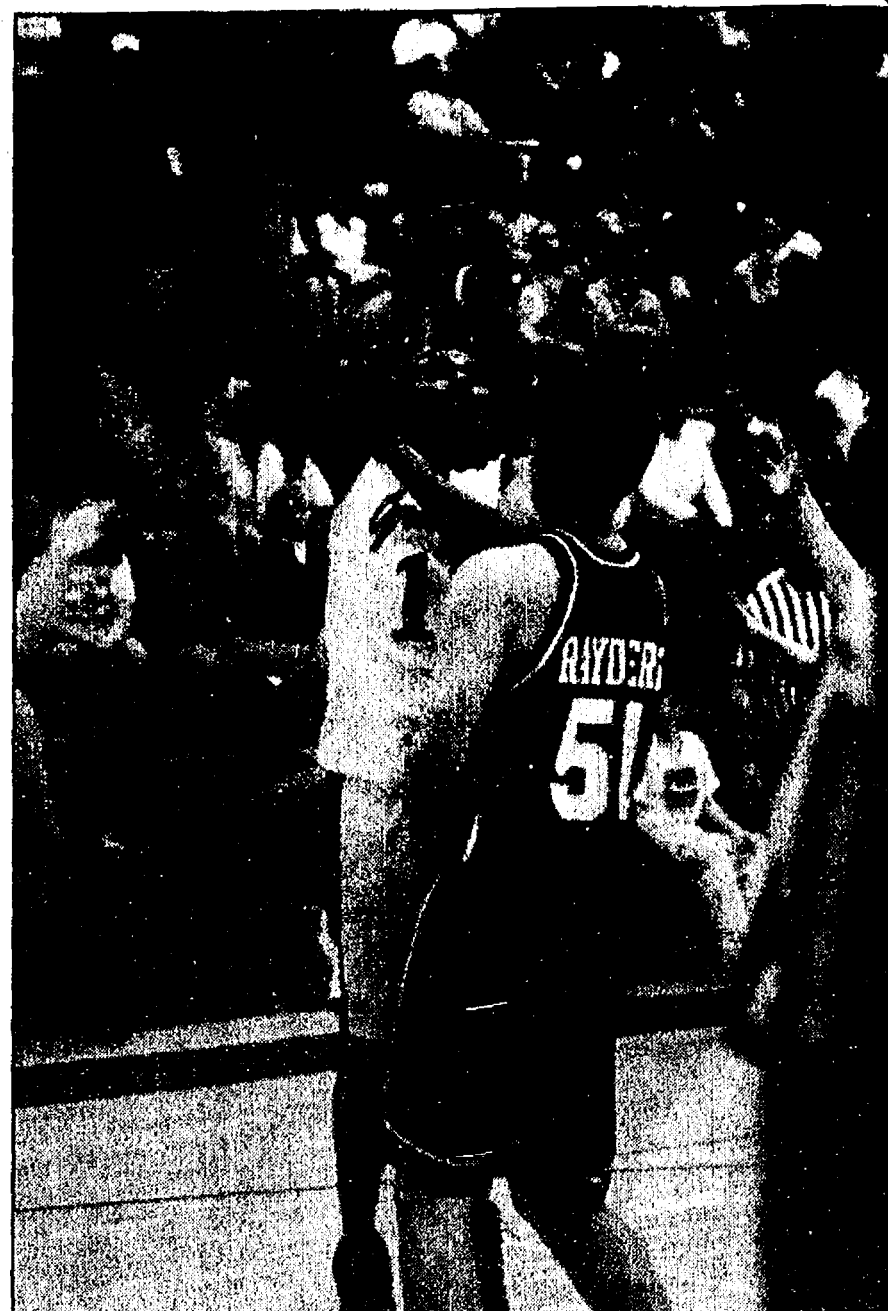
"This was a big win for us, as a league win," Coach Moffit said. "We need to get better over break. Hopefully we'll improve and get ready for our swing in the league."

Going into the holiday break, the Vikings have a 4-1 overall record (3-0 non-conference, 1-1 in league games).

After winter break, the Vikings play at East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 6. On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Vikings play at Harbor Springs.



Reagan Schmidt controls the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.



Steve Hodge shoots for the Vikings during last week's game against the Charlevoix Rayders.

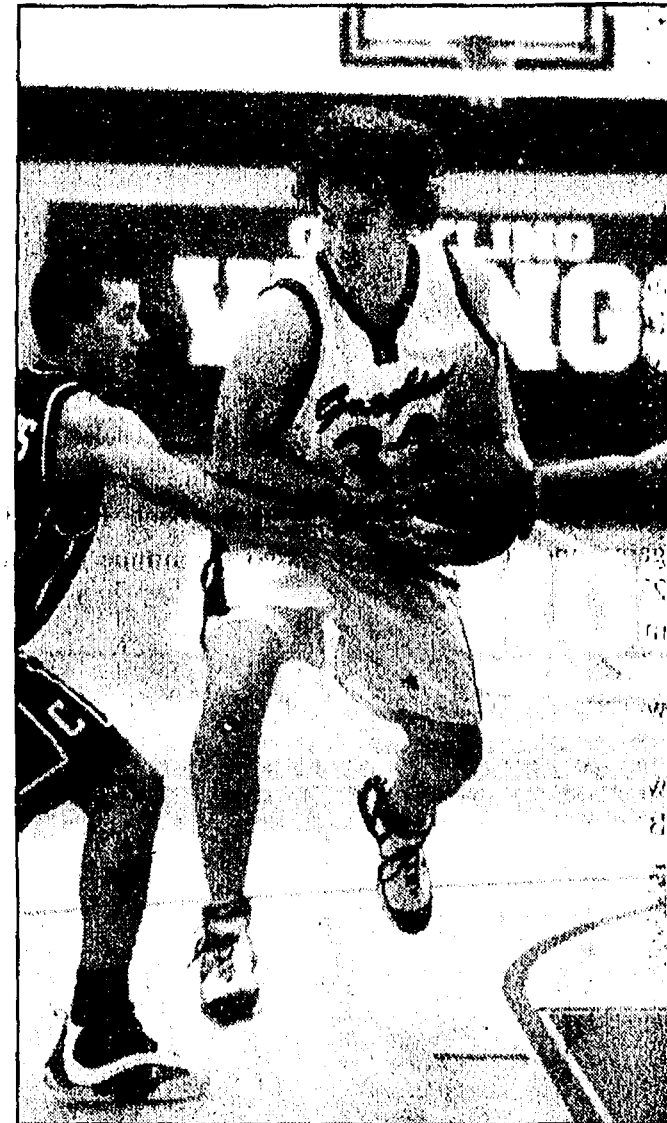
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(Left) Eli VanNuck drives to the basket for GHS. (Right) Bobby Starks handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.



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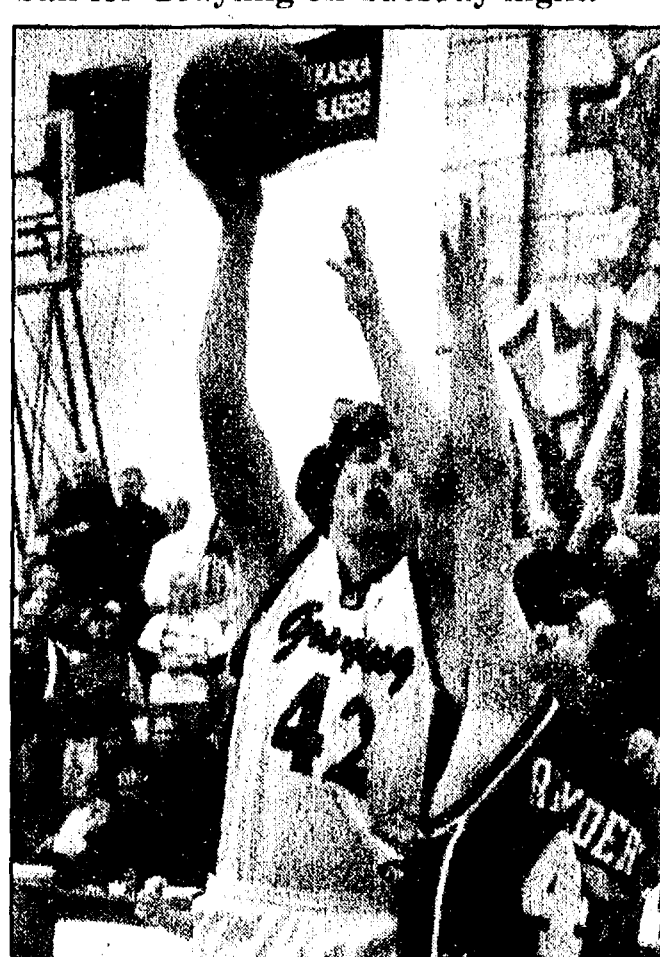
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(Left) Zach Dean takes an inside shot for Grayling. (Right) Jim Boylan fights for position under the basket.



GHS girls basketball team announces postseason awards

Katie Baynham receives all-league, all-region, and all-state recognition

The GHS varsity girls basketball squad recently announced its postseason honors and team awards for the fall 2005 season.

Katie Baynham, a senior, was named to the all-league first team in the Lake Michigan Conference and the Traverse City Record-Eagle All-Region

Dream Team. She also received an all-state honorable mention from the *Detroit Free Press*.

Seniors Trisha Petersen and Michelle McGuire received honorable mention recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference.

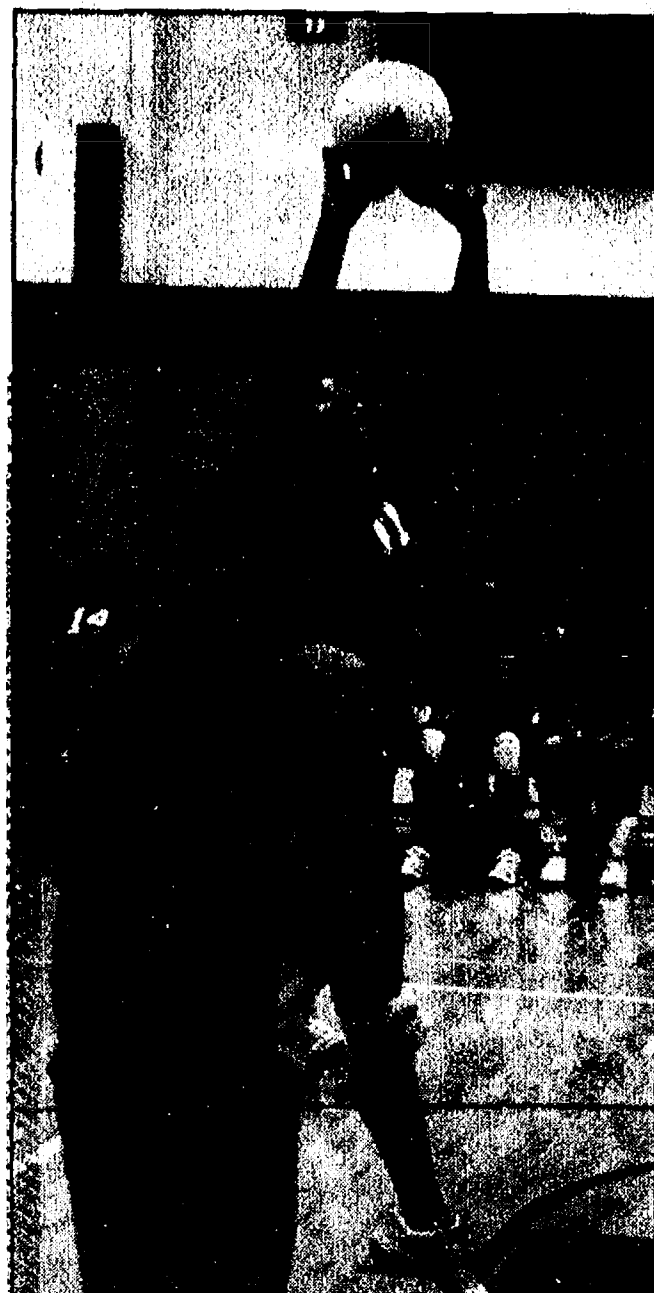
The players also voted on four team awards, including two "fun" categories, Coach L.J. Mead said.

The team's Most Valuable Player Award went to Baynham.

Most Improved went to Laura Boylan, a freshman.

The voting for the G-Unit Award (for being an outstanding team player) ended in a three-way tie between Andrea Southard, Ashley Bindschattel, and Petersen.

The Miss E Award (for representing the team's philosophy of the five E's -- energy, effort, enthusiasm, emotion, and execution) went to Sammi Wakeley, a senior.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Adrianna Voelker hits a ball from the front row vs. Ogemaw Heights on Monday. (Center) Jessie Morley sets during the series against Houghton Lake. (Right) Monica Leslie hits the ball during a match vs. Houghton Lake.

Volleyball squad hosts three area teams on Monday

Grayling, Ogemaw Heights, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake play at GHS

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team hosted Roscommon, Houghton Lake, and West Branch Ogemaw Heights for a meet at GHS last Monday. The Vikings won two matches and lost six overall.

The Vikings fell to Houghton Lake 2-1 in a series that featured two close games. Grayling took game one 26-24, lost game two 27-25, and lost the deciding match 25-12.

Ogemaw defeated GHS 2-0 with scores of 25-15 and 25-12.

Grayling finished the meet with a series vs. the Roscommon Bucks.

GHS took the first game 25-23 but fell 25-12 in game two. The Bucks won the rubber match 25-15.

Amanda Lutz led the Grayling attackers with 25 kills and 32 digs on Monday night.

"The Vikings were confused at times and appeared to be intimidated against Ogemaw Heights and Houghton Lake; however, against Roscommon the Lady Vikes played good volleyball for the first half of the match," Coach Brian Banda said. "We continue to get down on ourselves but we will turn this season around when the girls believe they can win. Until then, we will continue to struggle."

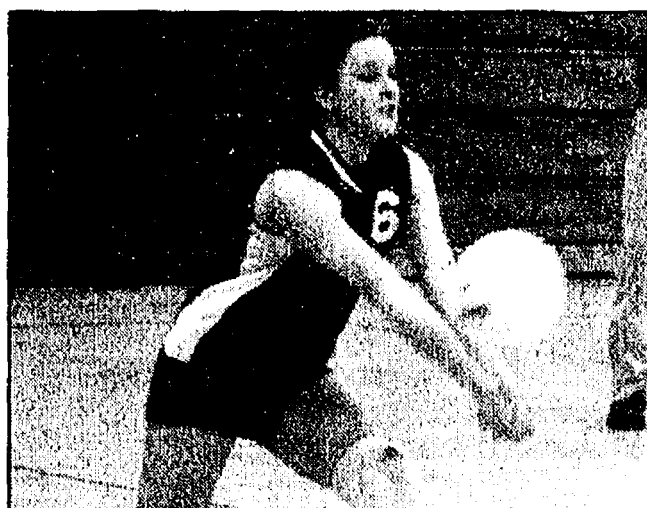
After winter break, the Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 5.



Candice Odden goes after a ball in last week's series vs. WBOH.



Jessica SanFilippo (left) and Amanda Lutz (right) hit the ball during the Ogemaw series on Monday.



Freshman team wins three series at West Branch

Volleyball squad posts victories vs. Ogemaw, Houghton Lake, Roscommon

The GHS freshman volleyball squad defeated Roscommon, Houghton Lake, and West Branch Ogemaw Heights in a four-team meet at Ogemaw last Monday.

The Vikings won the series vs. Houghton Lake 2-1. Grayling took the first game 25-20. The Bobcats won the second game 27-25. Grayling took the series with a 27-25 victory in game

three.

"The whole team served consistently and had great team chemistry," said Coach Jenny Malonen.

Grayling swept Ogemaw 2-0 with scores of 25-21 and 25-22.

"Our setter - Kayla Hawes - really came through this game and set up the ball well. Our two outside hitters - Alyssa Lewis and Chelsea Partello - killed the ball in both of these matches. Jessica Bindschatel really came through with her serves when we needed them," Coach Malonen

said.

The Vikings also won their series vs. Roscommon two games to zero. Grayling won the first game 25-19 and took the second game 25-23.

"The girls really handled themselves well under extreme pressure. They really wanted this win and they were successful because they worked as a team. Our back row did a great job getting the ball to the setter," Coach Malonen said.

The Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 5.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Woody Girls	7 - 1
American Legion	5 - 3
Coldwell Banker	5 - 3
Hawk Ridge	4 - 4
Mickey Perez, CPA	4 - 4
Glen's Market	3 - 5
Days Inn	3 - 5
Gr. Nursing Center	1 - 7
High Series: M. Starks, 544; H. Farm, 520; T. Benardo, 509.	
High Game: L. Jamison, 216; M. Starks, 199; P. Terry, 186.	

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie	40.5 - 23.5
Spike's	38 - 26
Kicking Grass	35 - 29
Stitches By Sue	32 - 32
Bear's Den Pizza	29 - 35
Lone Pine	29 - 35
Grayling Pharmacy	27.5 - 36.5
Sylvesters Sports	25 - 39
High Game Women: C. Clark, 232; D. Brantley, 205.	
High Game Men: K. Harris, 235; Loren, 212.	

National First

Upper Lakes	7 - 0
Great Lakes Mort.	7 - 0
Corky's Karaoke	5 - 2
Scott Pittman Bld.	4 - 3
J- Bar	3 - 4
Sawmill	2 - 5
Faustman Insurance	0 - 7
Legion Lanes	0 - 7
High Series: D. Lawe, 668; C. Brill, 658; P. Faustman, 640.	
High Game: C. Brill, 251; A. Angove, 244; D. Lawe, 243.	

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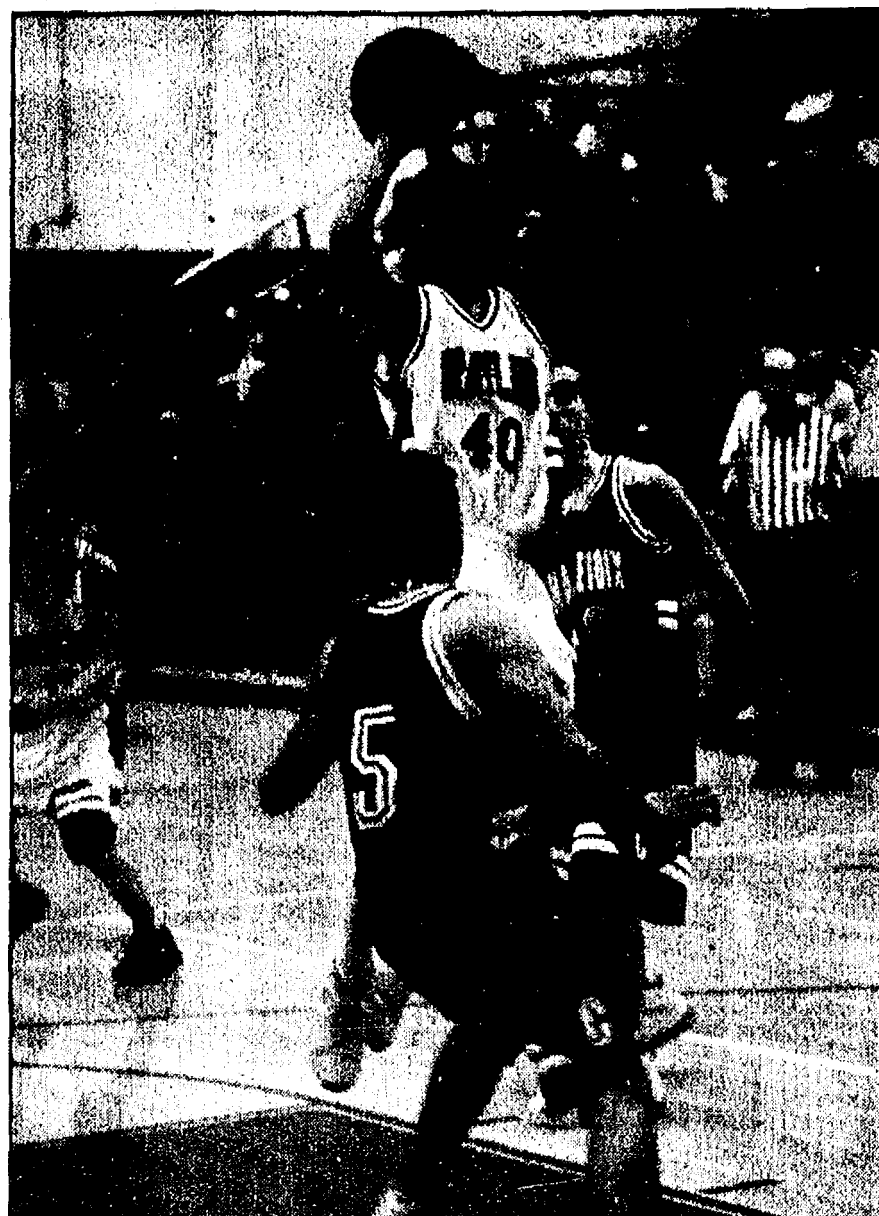
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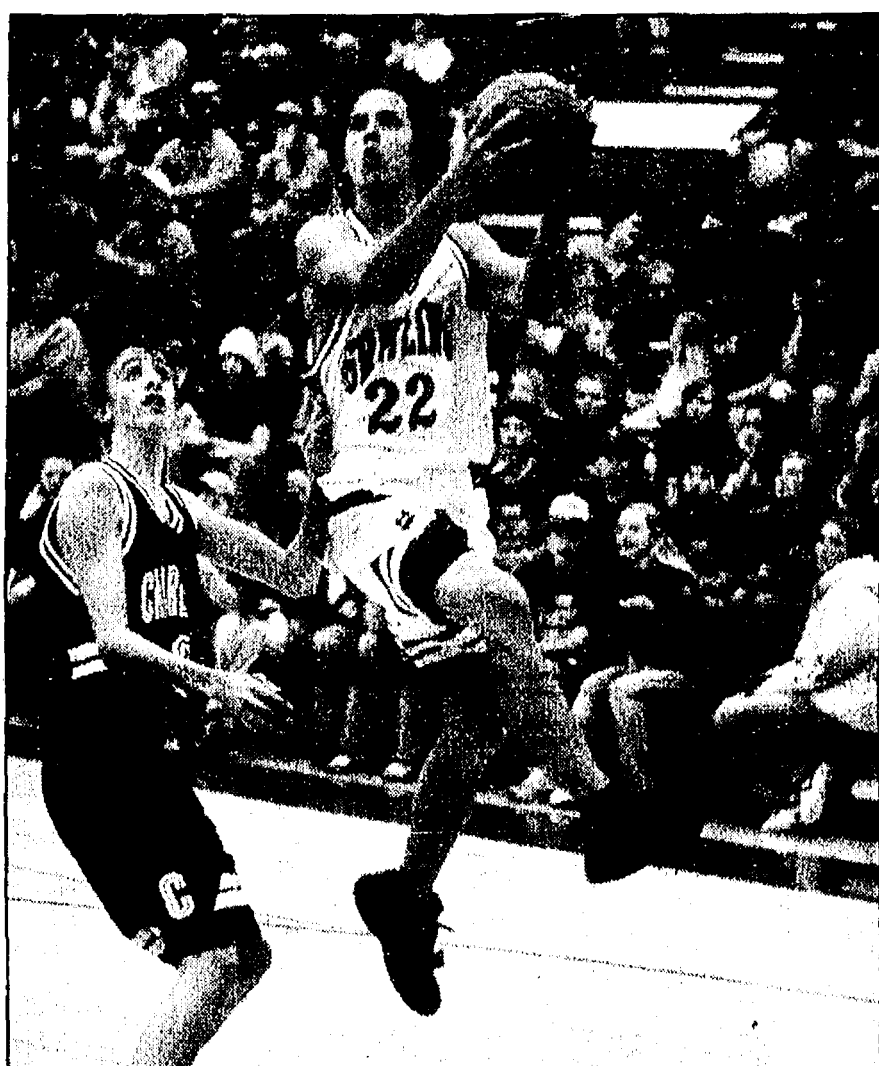
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JV basketball team hosts Rayders

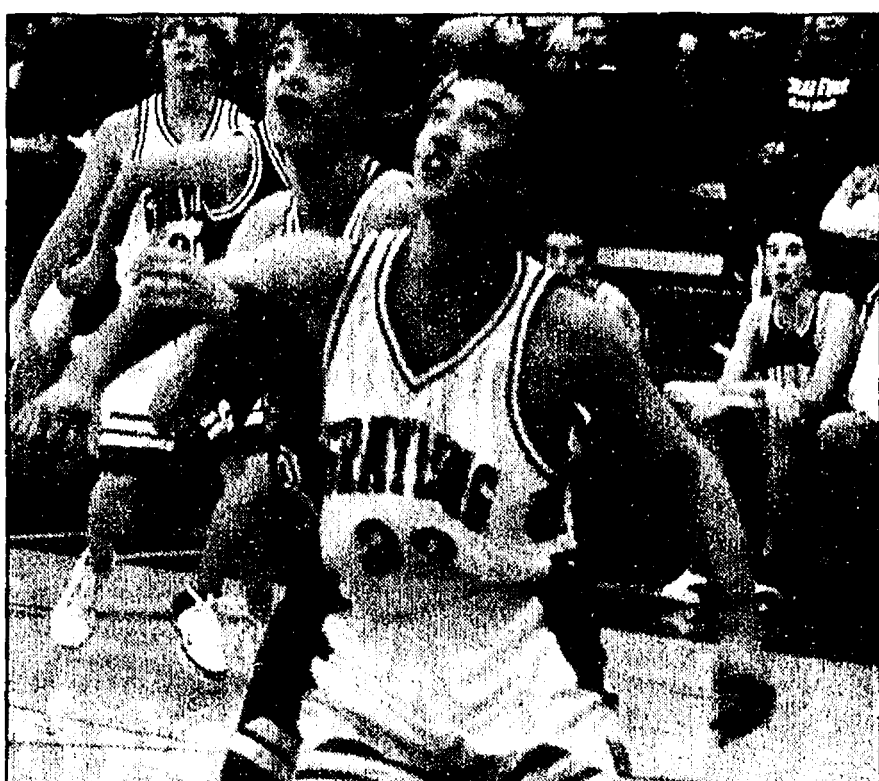


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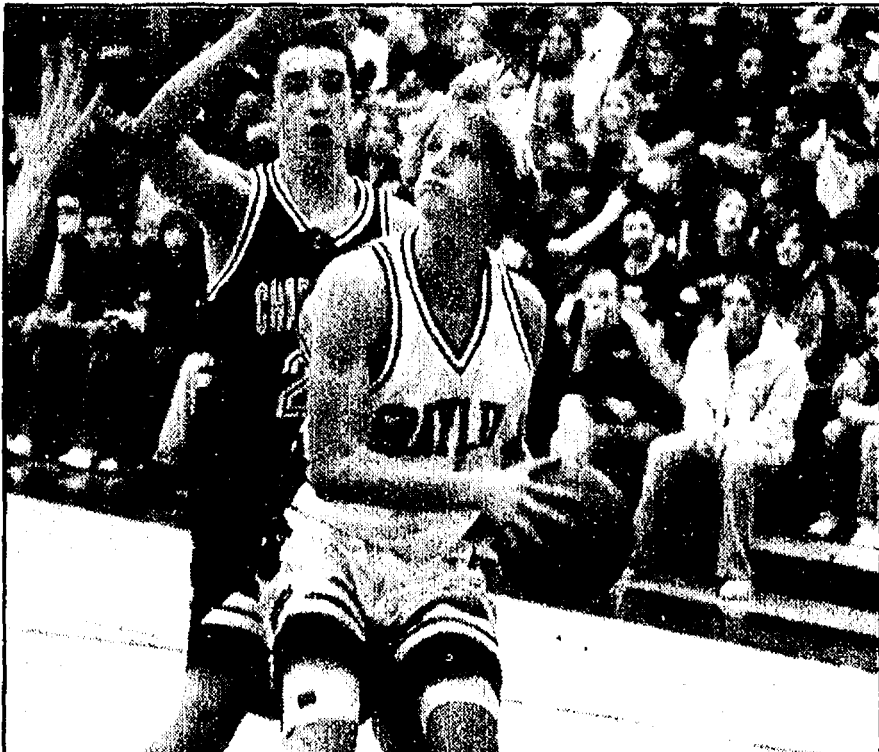
Richard Schreiber shoots for Grayling's JV basketball team in last Tuesday's game against Charlevoix. The Rayders won the contest 68-49.



Isaac VanNuck drives to the basket for GHS.



Ryan Cooper boxes out on a rebound attempt.



Rocky McNamara looks for an open shot.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings		Growlers Pub	
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Holiday Inn	.91	and Deanne (Sawmill I); 6 Ball	
Legion	.89	Run, Christy (Sawmill I); 7 Ball	
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Sawmill II	.86		

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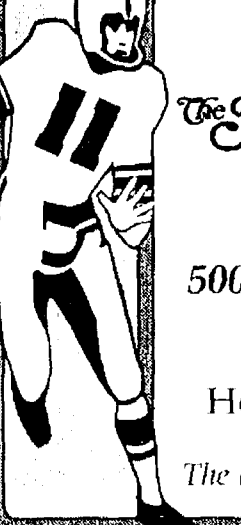


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LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Robert L. Butler, a Married Man to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2000 and recorded January 10, 2001 in Liber 526 Page 609 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company, by assignment dated November 2, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 548, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$230,873.29) including interest 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Janice Manor, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as Lot 9 Janice Manor, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2005
SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potesivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-37742 (SNS)
-8-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Robert L. Butler, a Single Man to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated October 7, 1999 and recorded October 8, 1999 in Liber 492 Page 325 Crawford County Records, Michigan and was partially discharged December 15, 2000 and recorded December 18, 2000 in Liber 525 Page

212. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company, by assignment dated November 7, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 549 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$230,873.29) including interest 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel D: Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point located distant North 01 degree 17 minutes East along the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet and South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 665.54 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 23; thence continuing South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East, 332.77 feet; thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 55 seconds West, 329.92 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds West, 332.50 feet; thence North 01 degree 22 minutes 36 seconds East, 329.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Notice Of Foreclosure

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Claudine K. Stocker, a married woman of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company dated the 7th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded

in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1999, in Liber 0476 of Crawford Records, on page 352, which said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$28,882.11 (Twenty Eight thousand, Eight hundred Eighty Two dollars and Eleven cents) including interest there on at 10.99% (ten point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 4th day of January, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

The South one-half of West one-half of the West one-half of the SW one-quarter of the SE one-quarter, Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Commonly known as: 4436 Seven Mile Road

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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Troy, Michigan 48064
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Kay E. Weiler and Leonard P. Weiler, wife and husband as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2003 and recorded October 10, 2003 in Liber 655 Page 452 and re-recorded December 8, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 884 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$84,067.40) including interest 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

All that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, EXCEPTING that part commencing at the Southwest corner of that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, thence East 2.5 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence West 2.5 rods, thence South 10 rods to the point of beginning. Commencing at the Southwest corner of that part of the West one half of the East one half of the East one half of the Northeast one quarter of section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of Highway M-72, thence East 2.5 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence West 2.5 rods, thence South 10 rods to point of beginning.

Commonly known as 1965 E M 72 Hwy, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 19, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Mortgage Attorneys:
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Our File No: 05-38504
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Notice Of Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD L. TROJANEK MARRIED AND LAURA L. TROJANEK HIS WIFE TO FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2002, and recorded on November 08, 2002, in Liber 606, on page 235, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC. by an assignment dated December 01, 2004, and recorded on January 19, 2005, in Liber 673, on page 393 in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty three thousand twenty six and 72/100 Dollars (\$83,026.72), including interest at 7.625% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 AM on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 5, WOODHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 05, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 08, 2005
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite

Public Notice to Residents within 300 Feet

Frederic Township residents be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on January 9, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case(s):

2005 Z 506 Owner: Jeff & Teresa Votzke, Petitioner
11633 W. County Road 612
Frederic Township
Parcel # 20-032-320-000-009-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to build a 24' x 32' two-story house with two attached decks on their property, which is located closer to the Manistee River than the 100-foot setback. They are also requesting a variance to build closer to County Road 612 then the required back and closer to Manistee River road then the required set back.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept, P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

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Frederic Twp
Zoning Administrator

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Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR: NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

For More Information Call:
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-8-15-22-29

Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Gary Rodden and Carolyn Rodden, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Walter L. Weber, Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 1, 2004, and recorded on October 8, 2004, in Liber 671, pages 891-892 inclusive, Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$56,569.66, including interest at 11% per annum, and including 6 late fees. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court facility, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as: The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 25, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period will expire one (1) year from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: November 25, 2005
S/ John E. Rosczyk (P22847)
Attorney for Mortgagee, Walter L. Weber
243 Lake Street, P.O. Box 535
(989) 275-8966
-1-8-15-22-29

Mortgage Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: WAYNE C. METZER and KELLY A. METZER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002, and recorded on November 7, 2002, in Liber 606, on Page 156, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 14/100 DOLLARS (\$71,480.14), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on February 1, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Pine Grove Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The Redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated December 21, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns GMAC Mortgage Corporation

Mortgagee
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075
-29-5-12-19

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Michael J.W. Bendig and Edna F. Bendig, husband and wife, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated February 20, 2005 and recorded March 8, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 105, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse by assignment Dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 670 Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$132,416.19) including interest at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and the west one-half of Lot 45, Block 15, Sixth Addition, Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 15, Sixth Addition to the Portage Lake Park and Lots 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Block 18, Sixth Addition to the Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: December 22, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(484) 457-1000
File No. 214.2580
-22-29-5-12-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF NON-METALLIC MINERAL (SAND AND GRAVEL) LEASES NO. 124 AND 134

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to amend Nonmetallic Mineral (S&G) Leases No. 124 and 134 to the Crawford County Road Commission as follows:

Lease No. 124: Addition of the W1/2 NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 15, T28N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, 'Kolka Creek Pit'. The amendment allows access to and storage of sand and gravel products only on this parcel. Said lease to now contain a total of 97.53 acres, more or less.

Lease No. 134: Operations limited to the SE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 and NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4, Section 7, T27N, R1W, Lovells Township, Crawford County, 'Bald Hill Clay Pit', 57.52 acres, more or less. A Department of Military Affairs restriction and provisions to be amended and added to the lease.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the leasing of any description can be submitted by writing the DNR, Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or via e-mail to espinosi@michigan.gov. Written comments must be received NO LATER THAN January 31, 2006.

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE Number: 34 EMERGENCY SERVICES RECOVERY ORDINANCE TRANSPORTATION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES under 33 PA 51, as amended. (See MCL 41.801 ff. And MCL 5.2648 ff.) AND TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGES.

SECTION 01: PURPOSE:

This ordinance is adopted to provide financial assistance to the Beaver Creek Fire Department by providing a method for cost recovery from those receiving direct benefits from the emergency services provided by the Department in transportation and hazardous materials incidents.

SECTION 02: LEVELS OF SERVICES PROVIDED:

- 01: WELLNESS:
Road is clear and there are no injuries.
- 02: SECURE THE SCENE:
Debris is the road, assist Law enforcement and check for leaks and spills.
- 03: ASSIST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CREW:
Directly involved in patients handling and/or removal.
- 04: SINGLE VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- 05: MULTIPLE VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- 06: SINGLE VEHICLE FIRE
- 07: MULTIPLE VEHICLE FIRE
- 08: COMMERCIAL VEHICLE FIRE
- 09: HAZMAT TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT
Accident or non-accident releases.
- 10: HAZMAT RELEASE
Non transport.

SECTION 03: ESTABLISHING FEES:

Fees assessed for the level of services, shall be established by the Township Board. IT IS MOVED by Baines and seconded by Riley that this ordinance be adopted. Ayes: Riley, Baines & Hartman. Nays: 0. Absent: 2. Motion carried. UPON A MOTION made, seconded and carried, this ordinance is adopted and the Township Clerk is further authorized to complete this writing confirmation of this action. Ordinance will be effective 30 days after publication.
Adopted: 12/20/2005
Published: 12/29/2005
Will Take Effect: 1/29/2006

Sharon K. Hartman
Beaver Creek Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

CASE NO. 04-6364-CH
GARY & SANDRA CUSTER,
Husband and Wife
Plaintiff
VS
RICHARD & TRACY AARDEMA
Husband and Wife
Defendants
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Manda M. Breuker (P67826)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
PO Drawer 665
Grayling MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

AMENDED NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

It pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 29th day of September 2005, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 26th day of January 2006 at 11:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and be more fully described as:

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence S88°00'E along the East & West 1/4 line, 2040.3 feet; thence N1°46'E, 662.4 feet to Point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence S87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence S1°32'W along 1/4 line; 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning.

Dated: December 22, 2005
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-27-3-10-17-24-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

CASE NO. 05-2983-GC-1
Court Address 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.
Court Tel. 989-348-2841

Plaintiff
FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY
VS
Defendant
JAMES NEELY
4580 E Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Plaintiff's attorney
Police & Szuba, P.L.L.C.
MICHAEL S. SZUBA(P51320)
MATTHEW G. DZIELSKIY (P67057)
40500 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 254-1080

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant James Neely, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

First class mail to:
James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659
Tacking or firmly affixing to the door:
James Neely 4580 E. Sterling Rd.
Sterling, MI 48659

Publication in Crawford County
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Date 12-2-05
Judge John G. Hunter

-29-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05 7040-DE
Estate of Rex E. Shattuck
Date of birth: 8/14/1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decendent, Rex E. Shattuck, who lived at 15745 Beaver Bank Trail Kalkaska, Michigan died 07/12/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Susanne Mueller, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 646 Little John Avenue, Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12/22/05
Todd H. Nye
P59301
306 State St., P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6141
Susanne Mueller
646 Little John Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-7213

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee, in that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Richard D. Shurter and Chrystal S. Shurter, husband and wife, 3100 M-72 East, Grayling, Michigan to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated May 20, 1994 and recorded on June 14, 1994 in Liber 377, Page(s) 610 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$47,785.51.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on February 1st, 2006 10:00A.M. local time, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6.5 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and described as follows:

The East 1/2 of all that part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying South of M-72, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: December 29, 2005

For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, MI 48661.
Phone: 989-345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
2920 Blueberry PL
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 790-0994

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Brian C. Watkins and Julie A. Watkins, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002, and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on Page 436, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 41/100 DOLLARS (\$65,836.41), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock am, on,

January 25, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
The North 10.01 Acres of the South 40.04 Acres of East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

The Redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated December 15, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Mortgagee
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

-22-29-5-12

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 883, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6 as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six And 54/100 Dollars (\$64,566.54), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: December 8, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051691F02

-8-15-22-29

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence R. King and Cynthia M. King Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2005, and recorded on January 24, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 457, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand One And 37/100 Dollars (\$180,001.37), including interest at 8.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast corner of same and running thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West along the South line thereof 766.3 feet to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East along the center of said Road 320 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 33 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 106.3 feet; thence South 63 Degrees 18 West 126.6 feet to a stake; thence South 28 Degrees 00 Minutes West 125 feet; thence South 51 Degrees 27 Minutes East 48.7 feet; thence North 67 Degrees 52 Minutes East 42.4 feet; thence South 84 Degrees 30 Minutes East 26.5 feet; thence North 25 Degrees 00 Minutes East 175 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 06 Minutes East 100 feet; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minutes East 25 feet to the Point of Beginning, including all land between the respective river bank traverse and the AuSable River Waters; and ALSO Commencing at the point where the south Bank of the AuSable River intersects the center of the County Bridge over said river located in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 for Point of Beginning; thence South 1 Degrees 54 Minutes West along the center of the presently existing County road to the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West along said South line to the South Bank of the AuSable River; thence Northeasterly downstream along said South Bank to the Point of Beginning, including land to the water's edge and all riparian rights thereto; and ALSO Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12, running thence North 1 Degrees 12 Minutes East on the quarter line 295 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West and parallel with the east and west quarter line 762.5 feet to the Point of Beginning in the center of the County Road; thence North 89 Degrees 06 Minutes West 133 feet; thence South 25 Degrees 00 Minutes West 175 feet; more or less, to the bank of the AuSable River; thence Easterly and downstream along said river bank 210 feet, more or less, to the center of the County Road; thence North 1 Degrees 54 Minute East and along the center of the County Road 195 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, including land to the water's edge and the riparian rights on said AuSable River, together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip 15 feet wide by 133 feet deep adjacent to said tract on the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 29, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC Q 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077858F01

-29-5-12-19

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sheri Marie West, a married woman and Randall Keith West, her husband and Edward J. Walker, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1999, and recorded on June 15, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 01, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six And 67/100 Dollars (\$65,886.67), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 13, of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 8, 2005

For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #063537F01

-8-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty And 09/100 Dollars (\$18,140.09), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #058104F02

-15-22-29-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur C. Brandt, a married person and Christine M. Brandt, his wife, signing as to her dower interest, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2002, and recorded on November 27, 2002 in Liber 609 on Page 435, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$195,979.31), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 5, Fox Run Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed Recorded in Liber 364, Pages 337 through 387, Inclusive, Crawford County Records, and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision No. 2, with rights in General Common Elements as set forth in said Master Deed and pursuant to Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended by Act 538 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act 113 of the Public Acts of 1983, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #075905F01

-15-22-29-5

Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN NICHOLS AND JAYE NICHOLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE to CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 441, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty six thousand three hundred fifty four and 90/100 Dollars (\$56,354.90), including interest at 12.875% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2006. Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 495 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R7W. THENCE E 377.2 FT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF M-72 AS NOW SURVEYED; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 487.4 FT TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 492.5 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W. THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 492.5 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W. THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT 400 FT E OF POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 400 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF THE NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W AND A PART OF THE SE QUARTER OF NE QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T26N, R2W SAID PARCEL IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL "C" IN A CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AT BOOK 151, PAGE 492. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. DATED: December 22, 2005 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 ATTORNEY FOR: MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701 ASAP# 739506 12/22/2005, 12/29/2005, 01/05/2006, 01/12/2006

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 30, 1982

A new \$33,495 ambulance for Crawford County will be arriving by January 15 to bolster the county's emergency services. After the new ambulance is on the road, the county will have three ambulances to answer calls.

Doctors Henig, Blaha and Rosi are pleased to announce the affiliation of Dr. K. Ramaswamy to the staff at the Keyport Clinic as of January 1, 1983.

Heidi Bendig and Kris Laudenslager were named to the Michigan Huron Shores Conference All-State team for basketball.

The resurrection of the Grayling Fish Hatchery continues. Last year at this time the site was abandoned to weeds and the raceways were filling with sand. The nine member committee, under the guidance of chairman, Bob Smock, Jr. and the sponsorship of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, has been directing the rebuilding of the facility.

Vandals caused \$600 worth of damage to the men's restroom at the Holiday Inn. Wrenches were used to take out plumbing, ceiling tiles were broken, and a smoke alarm, which was part of the new \$20,000 system installed was ripped out of the ceiling.

School officials will be asking for a summer tax collection in 1983 that could eliminate loans

and interest rates which could cost the district about \$120,000 this year. Each year the school district has to borrow money to operate the schools from September to December when tax monies start coming in.

The Crawford AuSable School District took action last week to solve problems with split classrooms at the Frederic Elementary School. The split classrooms started about five years ago at Frederic when a small group of 15 kindergarten students came aboard. To create full classrooms since then, the small groups has been split with other classes.

Undefeated Charlevoix, leading the league with St. Ignace, turned back Grayling's bid to move up with the leaders with a 65-52 win, in boys' varsity basketball.

M.B. Doran's Restaurant and Pit Stop Lounge, located on the I-75 Business Loop South, is ringing in the New Year with a dinner buffet for \$14.95.

RCA video disk players, starting at \$279 are available at Jansen's Sales & Service, located at 501 Cedar Street.

The Cross Country Ski Shop is offering a wax free ski package for only \$69 while supplies last.

46 Years Ago
December 31, 1959

The Snow Sculpture Contest which begun in 1958 is going to be continued again this year

with an expected high increase in entries. The contest this year will be opened up to any organized group such as church groups, Boy and Girl Scouts as well as the classes in any of the county schools.

The Crawford County Cherry Pie Baking contest will be held this year on Jan. 8, in the high school homemaking room. All girls residing in Crawford County who are 14 - 20 years of age are invited to take part. The winner of the contest will go to Grand Rapids to take part in the state contest.

Greet the New Year at Smiggen's Diggen's. The big party consisting of dancing, noisemakers and party favors, begins at 8 p.m. on December 31 and goes until 4:30 a.m. on January 1.

Welsh Motor Sales, located at 500 Norway St., has some A1 used cars specials such as a 1954 Ford Fordor, 6 cylinder, with overdrive, heater and radio for \$500 and a 1955 Ford Station Wagon, 9 passenger, Thunderbird, V-8, heater, for-domatic, air-lift rear springs for \$1,050.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear entertained the Bear Archery Company department heads and their spouses with a buffet dinner and Christmas party at their home.

69 Years Ago
December 31, 1936

Rain and warm weather played havoc with the winter sports skating rink and toboggan slides

that had been built and ready for use during the Christmas vacation, warm weather and three days of rain completely ruined them.

The much talked of sewage disposal plant has been approved by the Federal government with an outright grant of \$7,200 to aid towards its building. This will be located on the site of the old Danish gymnasium on the property recently purchased by the city from T.J. Wells.

Grayling Dairy has a new truck with which to start the new year's business.

We've got to give Blackie credit for giving the fellows about town what they want in the way of recreation. A new bowling alley is the latest venture and now we can anticipate that Grayling will soon be hosting a bowling tournament. The alleys, of which there are three, are in the basement of his tavern.

The fire siren disturbed the peace early Christmas night, when a boxcar was discovered burning on the old DuPont side tracks.

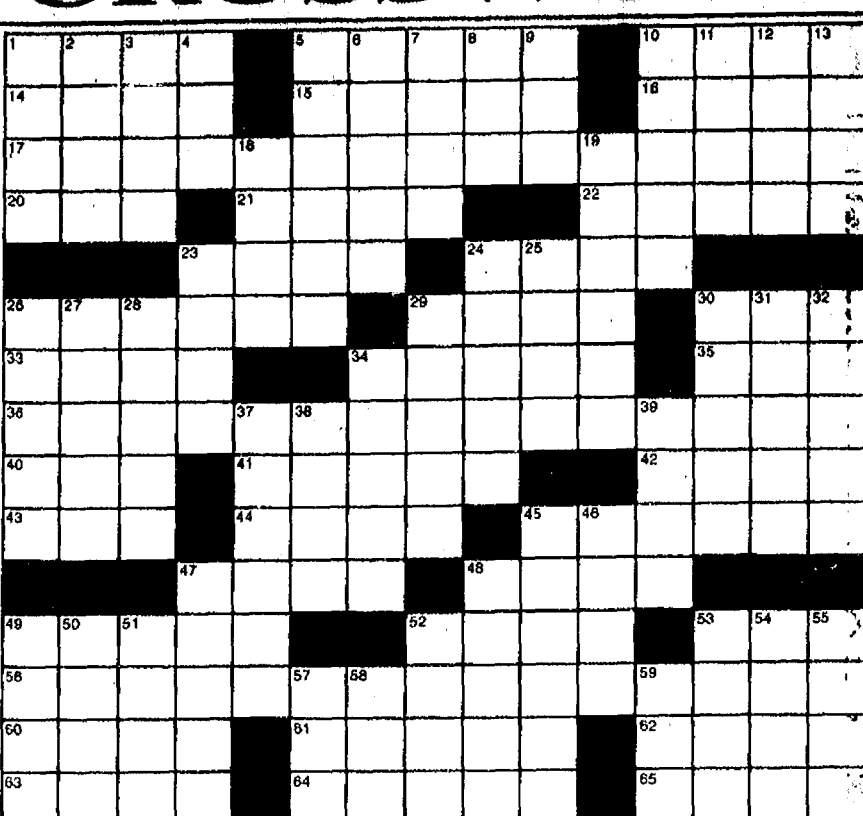
92 Years Ago
December 30, 1913

Meno Corwin won the scout watch for the best drawing of the Methodist Church.

Marshall M. Brenner is sporting a brand new uniform from shoes to helmet. We'll wager that there isn't a finer looking policeman in the state of Michigan.

Perry Hatch has sold his Beaver Creek farm to Joe Benton of Grayling.

CROSSWORD



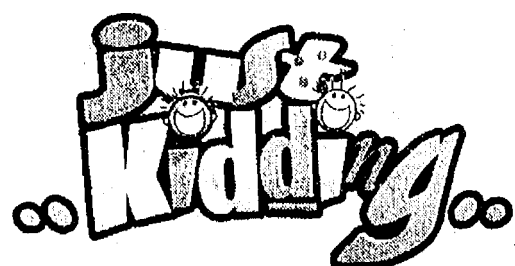
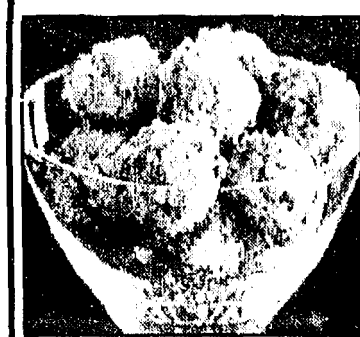
- Across
1. Move quickly.
 5. Fleishy fruit of a rosaceous tree cultivated in num-berless varieties in the temperate zones.
 10. Name of a small silver coin used in S. India dur-ing the arrival of the Portuguese.
 14. Aerodynamic in styling.
 15. Mock.
 16. Item of furniture combining with others to form a set.
 17. Metamorphosis.
 20. Number denoting a quantity of more than one.
 21. Ribbons attached to the sides of a book designed to prevent the covers from warping.
 22. Alessandro Conte ... Italian physicist.
 23. Slang for "headphones."
 24. Negative impression left after the removal of a lake with a stone tool.
 25. Literary work exposing and ridiculing human vices.
 28. Stimulate something.
 30. Jog.
 33. Group of households claiming a common ances-tor.
 34. Piece of jewelry worn on the head by a woman at very formal occasions.
 35. Monetary unit in Denmark.
 36. One of many diseases in which fat builds up in the large- and medium-sized arteries.
 40. 2002 film directed by Mehdi Norowzian.
 41. Establish by law.
 42. Period of seven days.
 43. Rather than.
 44. Fermented dap of several kinds of palm.
 45. Takes something without the permission of the owner and keeps it.
 47. Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs.
 48. Something given as compensation.
 49. Reduced to the simplest and most significant form possible.
 52. Band ... pieces of cloth used to cover small cuts.
 53. Aka wildbeest.
 56. Having receding jaws.
 60. Basic monetary unit of Oman.
 61. Person so mentally deficient as to be incapable of ordinary reason.
 62. Have the skills and qualifications to do some-thing.
 63. Person's reputation.
 64. Personage; enough land to support a family.
 65. Moderate in degree.
- Down
1. James ... Scottish inventor.
 2. At this time.
 3. Known as Persia until 1935.
 4. ... Ross, acoustic guitar player.
 5. Relation by marriage.
 6. Uses diligently.
 7. Where the motorcycle rider's feet rest.
 8. Chief monetary unit of Romania.
 9. Make a mistake.
 10. Graduate responsible for the supervision of an undergraduate at some British universities.
 11. Shrub from which indigo is made.
 12. Turbulent, violent disturbance of the peace.
 13. Gas burner used in laboratories.
 18. ... Blazers, originally aired in Japan as Uchuu Senchen Yamato.
 19. Incarnation of a god in Hinduism.
 23. Cinematographic.
 24. Second-person singular of the verb "shall," used with "thou."
 25. Fleishy area between the beak and face.
 26. Range of scores possible to achieve on a test.
 27. Vary.
 28. City in California.
 29. System of witchcraft, especially as practiced today in western countries.
 30. Minor Hebrew prophet.
 31. Projecting bay window corbelled out from a wall.
 32. Places where you get information.
 34. People who have a lot of power in a particular activity.
 37. Surgically remove a part of a structure.
 38. Latin "the burden."
 39. Was indebted to.
 45. Calm and untroubled.
 46. Technical analysis for a price when it approaches a support level to see whether it will break through that level.
 47. City in France celebrated for certain manufactur-ers.
 48. Son of Zeus and Europa.
 49. Possessing from birth the quality the character stated.
 50. Capital of Western Samoa.
 51. Former name of Thailand.
 52. By the time that.
 53. Desert in central Asia.
 54. Equal to zero.
 55. Employed in accomplishing something.
 57. Male human already mentioned.
 58. ... clan, Japanese feudal clan from the Sengoku period.
 59. Non-spam e-mail.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Mini Cheese Balls

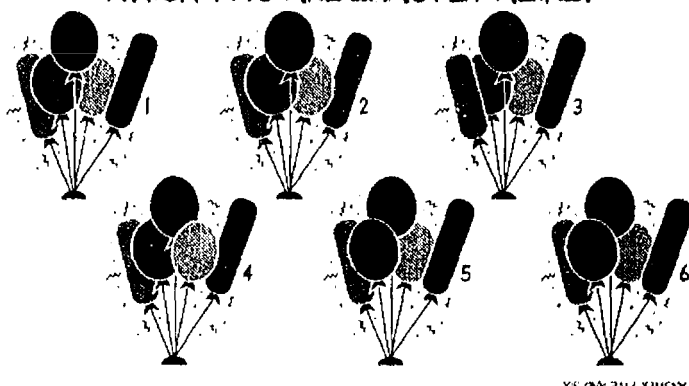
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| 8 oz. chive & onion cream cheese spread | 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning |
| 8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese | 1/2 tsp. garlic powder |
| 4 slices bacon, cooked, finely chopped | 1/2 cup toasted walnuts, ground |

MIX cream cheese spread and mozzarella cheese until well blended. Stir in chopped bacon and seasonings. SHAPE mixture into 54 balls, 1 level tsp. each. Roll in walnuts. Cover with plastic wrap. REFRIGERATE at least 2 hours.



FIND THE TWINS

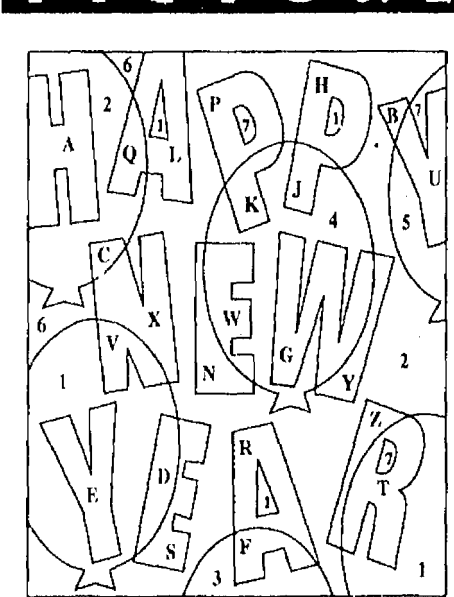
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Maine is the
only state
whose name is
one syllable.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

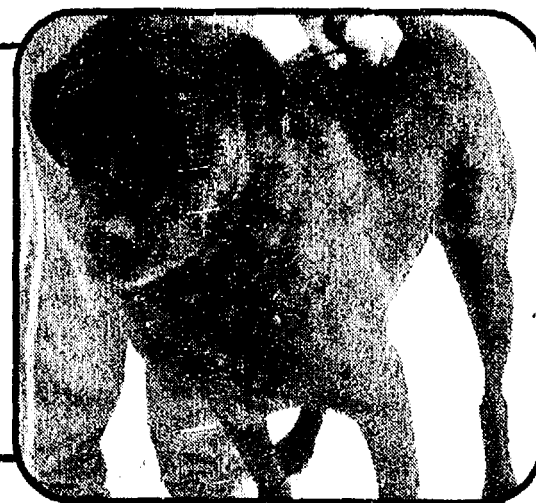
ADOPT A PET



Cookie
is an affection-ate Snowshoe kitty, less than a year old.

Curly

is a friendly Chesapeake Bay Retriever who loves to be brushed.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascspetfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

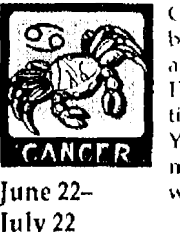
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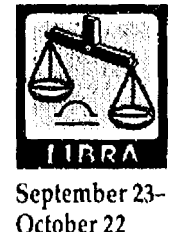
A new year is upon you, Capricorn. Make the most of it by setting goals early on. An announcement kicks life up a notch.
December 20-January 19



Attempts to get a friend involved in a cause dear to your heart fail. Try not to be too disappointed. Someone else you didn't even consider is interested.
March 21-April 19



Great pains must be taken to complete a project on time. Diligence is key. A time-honored New Year's tradition makes for a great weekend.
June 22-July 22



Warning, Libra. With the new year will come big changes. Don't resist them. Go with the flow and life will blossom in ways you never thought possible.
September 23-October 22



Feeling encumbered, Aquarius? Break free of some of your responsibilities and delegate them to others. Then take a day, cut loose and have some fun.
January 20-February 18



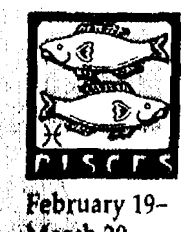
A mentor floors you with an outrageous request. Don't say yes unless you are absolutely comfortable with the idea. A kink occurs in travel plans.
April 20-May 20



Whew, Leo. A tortuous affair is finally over. Take some time to yourself to recover. Go for a swim, see a play or just sit back and watch TV.
July 23-August 22



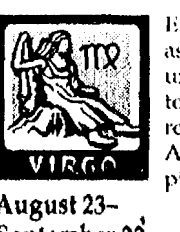
Not up to a challenge, Scorpio? Let someone else take the reins. You won't regret it. Old friends help you ring in the new year with flair.
October 23-November 21



Success at work makes you happier than you have been in some time. Share your joy with a close pal. A lapse in concentration puts a glitch into a home improvement project.
February 19-March 20



Amazing foresight comes from an unlikely source regarding a family dilemma. Listen carefully. A New Year's party is the highlight of the weekend.
May 21-June 21



Excitement dwindles as travel plans come undone. Work quickly to make changes and resolve the situation. A letter from home piques your curiosity.
August 23-September 22



A new year is about to dawn, Sagittarius. Make some resolutions and stick to them. An error in judgment is forgiven and romance ensues.
November 22-December 21

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/21	26	11	1
12/22	26	21	1
12/23	38	23	0
12/24	35	31	0
12/25	36	32	0
12/26	33	29	0
12/27	30	28	0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 33	High 34	High 34	High 29	High 35	High 31
Low 26	Low 30	Low 24	Low 26	Low 23	Low 19
Cloudy	Snow Shower	Snow Shower	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Shower	Rain/Snow Showers

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Come Take A Look!
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Built with-out compromise! Offering 3,500 square feet, plus full basement dripping with quality: Granite tops ceramic tile & hardwood floors, massive kitchen, 4 sided view fireplace, many bonus rooms. Built-in ground pool, 3 car attached garage, additional detached garage. \$439,000 #5611



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(989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE Real Estate Auction. By court, bank or seller order. Sells: 8:30 am Tue., Jan. 17 on site. Opening bid: \$1,000. 604 Spruce, Grayling. 2BR 1.0BA 975sf+ single-family. Inspections 1-4 pm Sun. before sale day and 2 hrs before sale time. Visit williamsauction.com or call 800-801-8003. (-29-5-12/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/f/1)

\$99,000 For sale by owner, Higgins Lake area. 1500 sq. ft. home, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 28 x 20 living room, open floor plan, spacious sun room. 935 sq. ft. heated garage, large storage barn. www.lech.ws. 989-281-0321. (LR12/29/05/1)

CRAWFORD COUNTY UNITED WAY is seeking donations of buildable land for future fund raiser. Contact Linda Williams at 989-348-9300. (11/24/05/f/1)

WANTED TO BUY acreage or fixer upper house with large lot or acreage. Call 231-744-4694. (LR12/29/05/1)

1500 SQ. FT. RANCH 3 bedrooms, carpeted, immediate possession, near Moorestown. Rent while buying. \$650 a month, first, last and security. 248-887-6252, 248-240-3339. (-22-29/1)

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CITY LOT on the AuSable. \$43,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05/f/1)

TRIPLEX IN TOWN on the AuSable, \$120,000. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05/f/1)

2. For Rent

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03/f/2)

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, garage, wood heat or propane. \$600 a month, plus utilities, deposit. 348-2473. (-29/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04/f/2)

OFFICE SPACE individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month, 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (09/08/05/f/2)

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent on AuSable in town. \$400 a month plus utilities. Call 231-599-2895. (12/22/05/f/2)

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOMS/1 BATH small house in nice area. HUD approved, water provided, non-smoking, no pets. 989-710-6048 or 989-348-4443. (12/22/05/f/2)

201 FULTON ST. One bedroom, upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, new kitchen cabinets, a very nice apartment. Individual locked storage in basement, with hookup for washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking and no pets. Must see to appreciate. \$450 per month. \$425 security deposit plus utilities. References required. call 989-348-7143 (-09/22/05/f/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-22-29/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME on 2 acres near Skyline Ski. Privacy yard with deck. Range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher. No pets. \$510 month plus security deposit. Credit check and references required. 989-915-1182. (LR12/29/05/2)

2. For Rent

5 ACRE RIVER FRONT property. Quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large patio and yard. \$725 a month, includes snow plowing. Deposit and references required. Call 720-221-8600. (-15-22-29/2)

FURNISHED SMALL COTTAGE 1 1/2 bedroom with garage, in private location, 15 minutes from Grayling or Roscommon. \$500 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-22-29/2)

1500 SQ. FT. RANCH 3 bedrooms, carpeted, immediate possession, near Moorestown. Rent while buying. \$650 a month, first, last and security. 248-887-6252, 248-240-3339. (-22-29/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME with 2-car garage, lots of outdoor space, washer, dryer, dishwasher. Available now. Call 231-597-9673 or call 989-390-1482. (-22-29-5/20)

OLDER 2 BEDROOM HOUSE near north end of Higgins Lake, C/A schools. Will consider pet. \$474 per month. References plus security deposit. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

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OLDER HOUSE 5 miles south of Grayling in country. References plus security deposit. \$500 per month. 989-275-4126. (-29-5-12/2)

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Tell us what you want



3 BR HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE. Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home. 1,515 s.f., 3 BR, sunken living room with gas fireplace. Dining room with fireplace. 24x28 garage with 576 s.f. finished studio-guest house with kitchenette and bath. Landscaped yard with flowerbeds, gardens and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Garish-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$109,500



FIVE ACRES WITH EASY ACCESS TO AUSSABLE RIVER. Spacious 3BR, 2BA Country home. Classic mobile home offering. Roof over, steel doors, vinyl replacement windows, appliances, blinds w/valances, newer oak cabinets, insulated slab, private, limestone gravel circle drive, concrete apron, sidewalks, fenced garden, heated garage/barn, woodshed, storage building, split rail fencing, planted Oak & Aspen trees, & landscaping. CH-1973 \$79,900.



267' FRGT. ON AUSSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM Rustic yet elegant 2,286 s.f. log home has private high bluff views, a stone stairway, elec. privacy gate, swimming pool w/extensive wrap-around dock, sun decks, sprinkler system, & blacktop drive. This 3BR & study, 2BA home features a river room w/marble floors, skylights, split stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, a spiral staircase, Jacuzzi tub, central A/C, and custom lighting throughout. CH-2064 \$299,500



1 1/2 STORY HOME ON DOUBLE CORNER LOT 1 1/2 Story home located in the city of Grayling on a double corner lot. 1,294 s.f., 2 BR, 1 bath, hot tub, full basement, and 2 car attached garage. Outside features fully fenced yard with swing set, and deck. CH-2083 \$71,900

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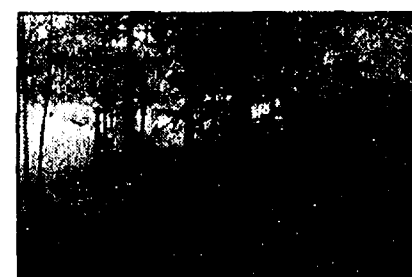
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LOTS 16-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK. Nice mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace. CS-2045 \$4,900



THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1700 square feet with new renovations. New cedar siding, new Barbra carpet, new windows, new wiring, insulation and drywall. New dishwasher plumbed but not hooked up. New Corian counter tops and sink. New cherry kitchen cabinets. Newer furnace. Gas fireplace in living room. Immediate occupancy. CS-2114 \$79,500



LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x 120). Hardwood floors. Large breeze-way, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. Drywall has been freshly painted. New vinyl siding, 2 years old. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! CS-2192 \$74,500

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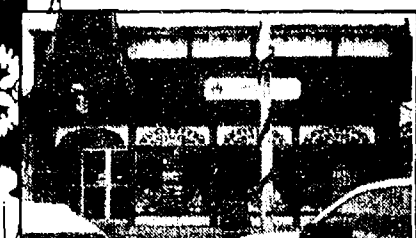
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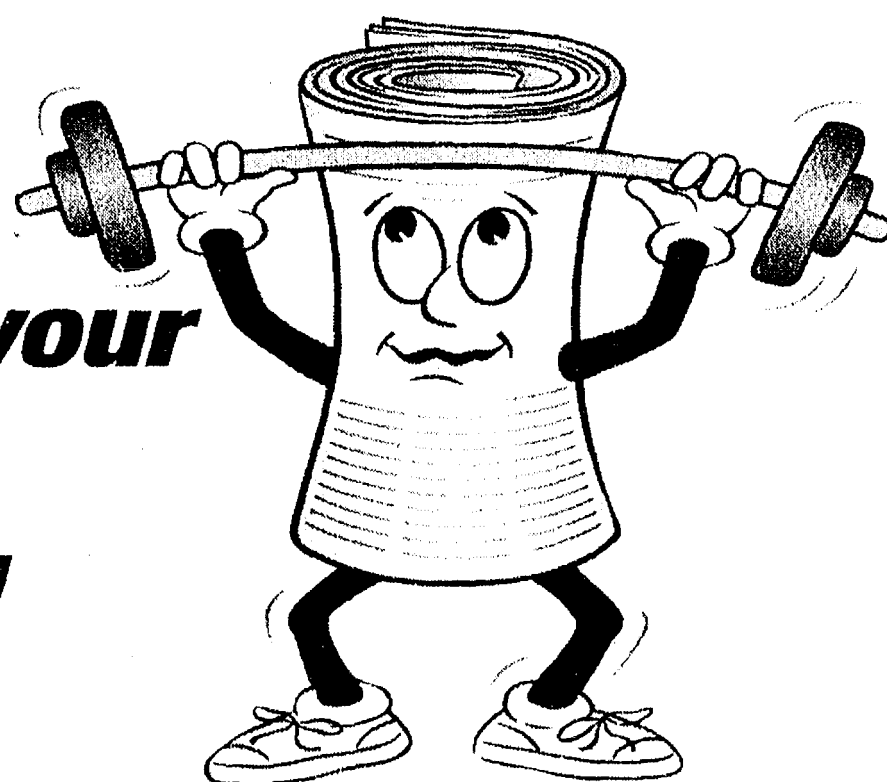


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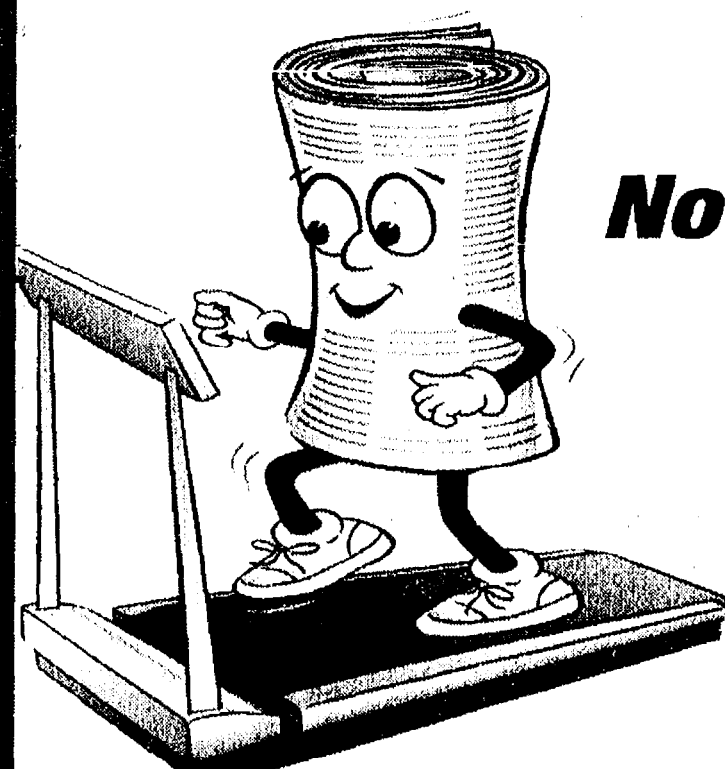


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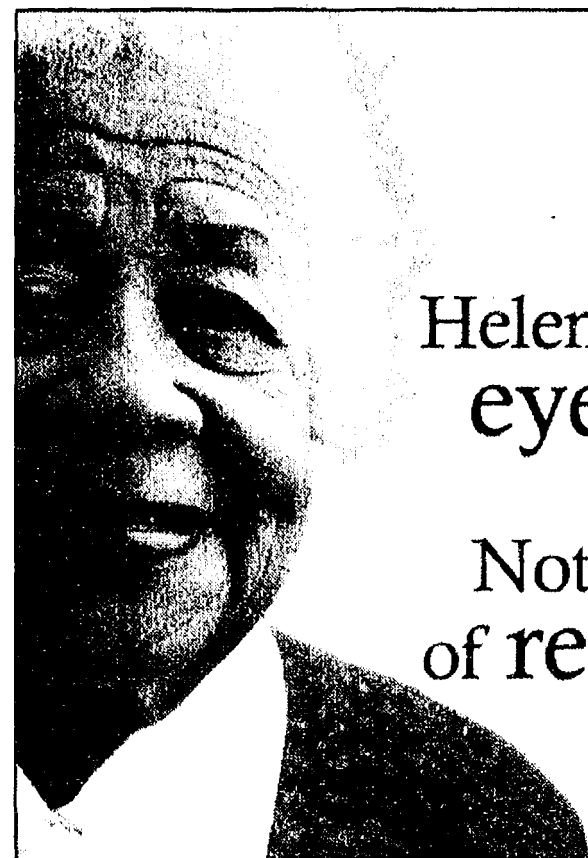


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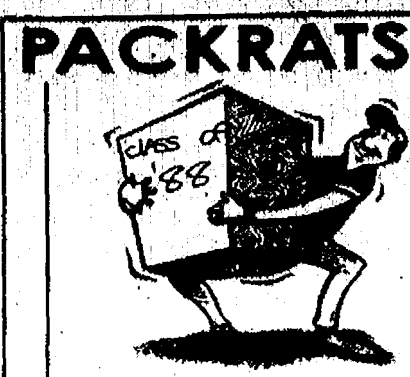
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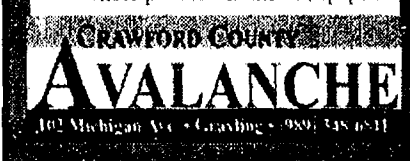
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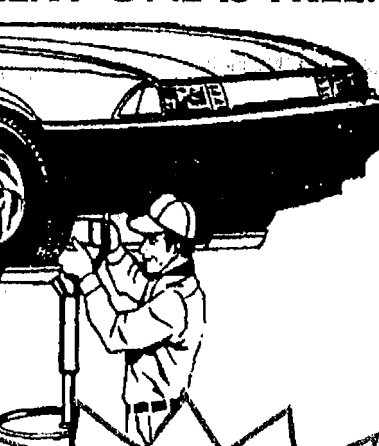
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